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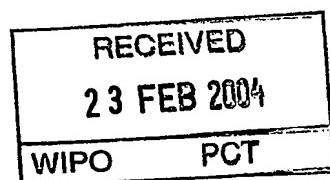
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## INDOLE DERIVATIVES AS PPAR MODULATORS

## BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Peroxisome Proliferator Activated Receptors (PPARs) are members of the nuclear hormone receptor super family, which are ligand-activated transcription factors regulating gene expression. Various subtypes of PPARs have been discovered. These include, for example, PPAR $\alpha$ , NUC1, PPAR $\gamma$  and PPAR $\delta$ .

PPAR $\alpha$ , PPAR $\gamma$  and PPAR $\delta$  receptors have been implicated in diabetes mellitus, cardiovascular disease, obesity, Syndrome X and gastrointestinal disease, such as, inflammatory bowel disease. Syndrome X is the combination of symptoms which include hyperinsulemia combined with hypertension, elevated body weight, elevated triglycerides and elevated LDL.

Current PPAR agonist treatment for Syndrome X relates to the use of thiazolidinediones (TZDs) or other insulin sensitivity enhancers (ISEs). A need exists for new pharmaceutical agents which affect treat or prevent cardiovascular disease, particularly that associated with Syndrome X, while preventing or minimizing weight gain, and

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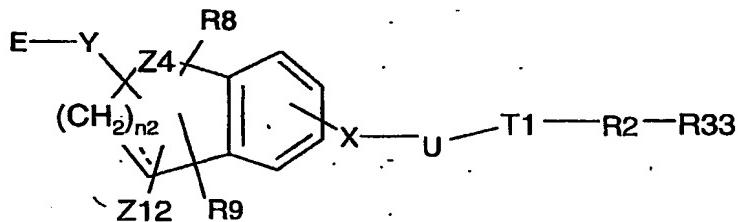
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more preferably while improving insulin sensitivity. It may be especially desirable when the active pharmaceutical agent selectively modulates a PPAR receptor subtype to provide an especially desirable pharmacological profile. In some instances, it can be desirable when the active pharmaceutical agent selectively modulates more than one PPAR receptor subtype to provide a desired pharmacological profile.

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#### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

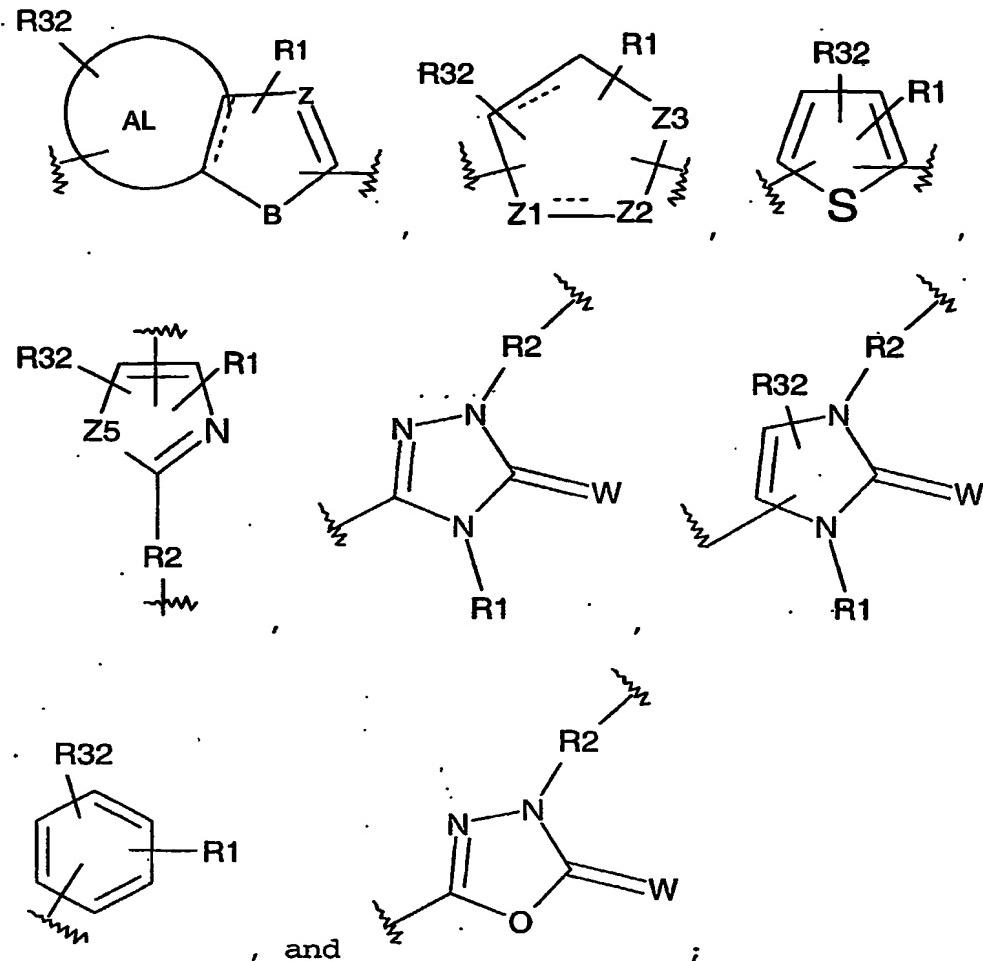
The present invention is directed to compounds represented by the following structural Formula I:



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and stereoisomers, pharmaceutically acceptable salts, solvates and hydrates thereof, wherein:

- (a) T1 is selected from the group consisting of



- (b) R1 is selected from the group consisting of  
5 hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkenyl, aryl-C<sub>0</sub>-4-alkyl, aryl-C<sub>1</sub>-6-heteroalkyl, heteroaryl-C<sub>0</sub>-4-alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> cycloalkylaryl-C<sub>0</sub>-2-alkyl, and,  
wherein C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkenyl, aryl-C<sub>0</sub>-4-alkyl, aryl-C<sub>1</sub>-6-heteroalkyl, heteroaryl-C<sub>0</sub>-4-alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> cycloalkylaryl-C<sub>0</sub>-2-alkyl are each  
10 optionally substituted with from one to three substituents independently selected from R1';  
(c) R1', R26, R27, R28, R31, Z14', and Z15' are each independently the group consisting of hydrogen,

hydroxy, cyano, nitro, halo, oxo, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl-COOR<sub>12</sub>, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> haloalkyloxy, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> cycloalkyl, aryloxy, aryl-C<sub>0</sub>-4-alkyl, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, C(O)R<sub>13</sub>, COOR<sub>14</sub>, OC(O)R<sub>15</sub>, OS(O)<sub>2</sub>R<sub>16</sub>, N(R<sub>17</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, NR<sub>18</sub>C(O)R<sub>19</sub>, NR<sub>20</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>21</sub>, SR<sub>22</sub>, S(O)R<sub>23</sub>, S(O)<sub>2</sub>R<sub>24</sub>, and S(O)<sub>2</sub>N(R<sub>25</sub>)<sub>2</sub>; R<sub>12</sub>, R<sub>13</sub>, R<sub>14</sub>, R<sub>15</sub>, R<sub>16</sub>, R<sub>17</sub>, R<sub>18</sub>, R<sub>19</sub>, R<sub>20</sub>, R<sub>21</sub>, R<sub>22</sub>, R<sub>23</sub>, R<sub>24</sub> and R<sub>25</sub> are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl and aryl;

5 (d) R<sub>2</sub> is selected from the group consisting of C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl and C<sub>1</sub>-6-heteroalkyl;

(e) X is selected from the group consisting of a bond, O, S, S(O)<sub>2</sub> and N;

10 (f) U is an aliphatic linker wherein one carbon atom of the aliphatic linker may be replaced with O, NH or S; and wherein such aliphatic linker is optionally substituted with R<sub>30</sub>;

(g) Y is selected from the group consisting of C, O, S, NH and a single bond;

15 (h) E is C(R<sub>3</sub>)(R<sub>4</sub>)A or A and wherein

(i) A is selected from the group consisting of carboxyl, tetrazole, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkynitrile, carboxamide, sulfonamide and acylsulfonamide; wherein sulfonamide, acylsulfonamide and tetrazole are each optionally substituted with from one to two groups independently selected from R<sup>7</sup>;

20 (ii) each R<sup>7</sup> is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> haloalkyl, aryl-C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, wherein such alkyl and arylalkyl are each optionally

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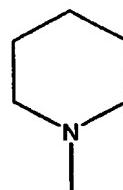
substituted with from one to two groups independently selected from R7'; each R7' is independently selected from halo, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, and haloC<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>' alkyl;

- 5                     (iii) R3 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> alkyl, and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> alkoxy; and
- (iv) R4 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> alkoxy, aryloxy, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> cycloalkyl, and aryl C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, and R3 and R4 are optionally combined to form a C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> cycloalkyl, and wherein alkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkyl and aryl-alkyl are each optionally substituted with one to three each independently selected from R26;
- 10                    (i) B is selected from the group consisting of S, O and when Z is C then B is N;
- (j) Z is selected from the group consisting of N and C;
- (k) Z1 and z2 are each independently N or C with the proviso that at least one of Z1 and z2 is N;
- 20                    (l) Z3 is N or O;
- (m) Z4 is selected from the group consisting of N, S, and O;
- (n) Z5 is S or O;
- 25                    (o) Z12 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and -Z13C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkylZ14;
- (p) Z13 is selected from the group consisting of a single bond, CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, CONZ15, and SO<sub>2</sub>;
- (q) Z14 is selected from the group consisting of aryl and heteroaryl, wherein the aryl and heteroaryl is each optionally substituted with from one to three substituents independently selected from Z14';

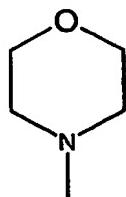
- (r) Z15 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and is selected from the group consisting of aryl and heteroaryl, wherein the aryl and heteroaryl is each optionally substituted with from one to three substituents independently selected from Z15';
- 5 (s) W is independently selected from the group consisting of S and O;
- (t) n2 is 1 to 3;
- 10 (u) R8 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkylenyl, oxo, sulfo, and halo;
- (v) R9 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkylenyl, halo, aryl-C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, heteroaryl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> allyl, oxo, sulfo, and OR29, and R8 and R9 together optionally combine to form a fused C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> ring with the carbons to which they are attached, and wherein aryl-C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, heteroaryl are each optionally substituted with from one to three independently selected from R27; R29 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl;
- 15 (w) R10, R11 are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, halo, oxo, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl-COOR12'', C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> haloalkyloxy, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> cycloalkyl, aryl-C<sub>0</sub>-4-alkyl, aryl-C<sub>1</sub>-6-heteroalkyl, heteroaryl-C<sub>0</sub>-4-alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> cycloalkylaryl-C<sub>0</sub>-2-alkyl, aryloxy, C(O)R13', COOR14', OC(O)R15', OS(O)<sub>2</sub>R16', N(R17')<sub>2</sub>, NR18'C(O)R19', NR20'SO<sub>2</sub>R21', SR22', S(O)R23', S(O)<sub>2</sub>R24', and S(O)<sub>2</sub>N(R25')<sub>2</sub>; and wherein aryl-C<sub>0</sub>-
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4-alkyl, aryl- C<sub>1</sub>-6-heteroalkyl, heteroaryl-C<sub>0</sub>-4-alkyl, and C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> cycloalkylaryl-C<sub>0</sub>-2-alkyl are each optionally substituted with from one to three independently selected from R28;

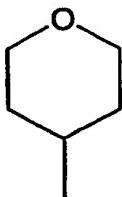
- 5        (x) R12', R12'', R13', R14', R15', R16', R17', R18', R19', R20', R21', R22', R23', R24', and R25' are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl and aryl;
- 10      (y) R30 is selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, aryl-C<sub>0</sub>-4-alkyl, aryl- C<sub>1</sub>-6-heteroalkyl, heteroaryl-C<sub>0</sub>-4-alkyl, and C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> cycloalkylaryl-C<sub>0</sub>-2-alkyl, and wherein C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, aryl-C<sub>0</sub>-4-alkyl, aryl- C<sub>1</sub>-6-heteroalkyl, heteroaryl-C<sub>0</sub>-4-alkyl, and C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> cycloalkylaryl-C<sub>0</sub>-2-alkyl are each optionally substituted with from one to three substituents each independently selected from R31;
- 15      (z) R32 is selected from the group consisting of a bond, hydrogen, halo, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> haloalkyl, and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyloxo;
- 20      (aa) R33 is selected from the group consisting of



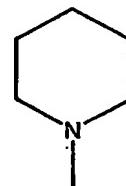
phenyl, thiophene, pyridine, piperidine,



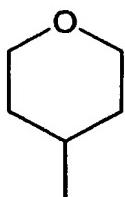
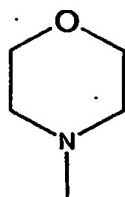
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, wherein the phenyl,



thiophene, pyridine, piperidine,



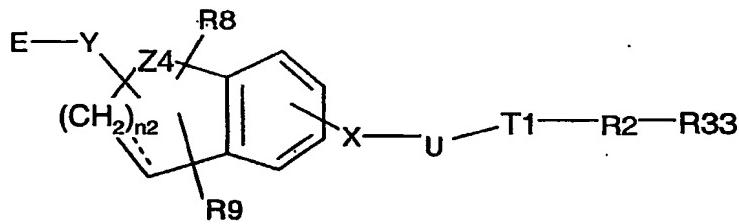
, and , are each optionally substituted with R10 and R11;

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(bb) AL is selected from the group consisting of a fused C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> carbocyclic and a fused phenyl; and

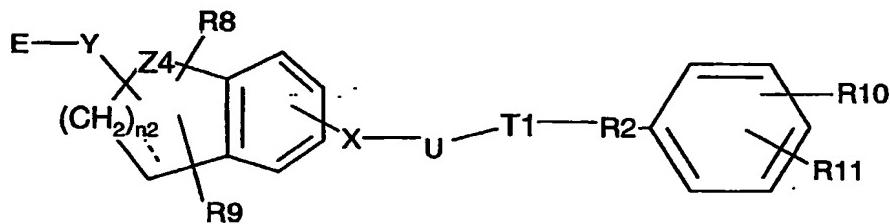
(cc) ---- are each independently an optional bond to form a double bond at the indicated position.

It can be preferred that the compound of this invention is of the Structural Formula I':



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It can be preferred that the compound of this invention is of the structural Formula I'':



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In one embodiment, the present invention also relates to pharmaceutical compositions comprising at least one compound of the present invention, or a pharmaceutically

acceptable salt, solvate, hydrate, or stereoisomer thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

In another embodiment, the present invention relates to a method of selectively modulating a PPAR delta receptor by 5 contacting the receptor with at least one compound represented by Structural Formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, hydrate, or stereoisomer thereof.

In another embodiment, the present invention relates to a method of modulating one or more of the PPAR alpha, beta, 10 gamma, and/or delta receptors.

In a further embodiment, the present invention relates to a method of making a compound represented by Structural Formula I.

The compounds of the present invention are believed to 15 be effective in treating and preventing Syndrome X, Type II diabetes, hyperglycemia, hyperlipidemia, obesity, coagulopathy, hypertension, atherosclerosis, and other disorders related to Syndrome X and cardiovascular diseases. Further, compounds of this invention can be useful for 20 lowering fibrinogen, increasing HDL levels, treating renal disease, controlling desirable weight, treating demyelinating diseases, treating certain viral infections, and treating liver disease. In addition, the compounds can be associated with fewer clinical side effects than 25 compounds currently used to treat such conditions.

#### **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**

The terms used to describe the instant invention have the following meanings.

30 As used herein, the term "aliphatic linker" or "aliphatic group" is a non-aromatic, consisting solely of

carbon and hydrogen and may optionally contain one or more units of saturation, e.g., double and/or triple bonds (also refer herein as "alkenyl" and "alkynyl"). An aliphatic or aliphatic group may be straight chained, branched (also 5 refer herein as "alkyl") or cyclic (also refer herein as "cycloalkyl). When straight chained or branched, an aliphatic group typically contains between about 1 and about 10 carbon atoms, more typically between about 1 and about 6 carbon atoms. When cyclic, an aliphatic typically contains 10 between about 3 and about 10 carbon atoms, more typically between about 3 and about 7 carbon atoms. Aliphatics are preferably C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> straight chained or branched alkyl groups (i.e. completely saturated aliphatic groups), more preferably C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> straight chained or branched alkyl groups.

15 Examples include, but are not limited to methyl, ethyl, propyl, n-propyl, iso-propyl, n-butyl, sec-butyl, and tert-butyl. Additional examples include, but are not limited to, cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and the like.

20 The term "alkyl," unless otherwise indicated, refers to those alkyl groups of a designated number of carbon atoms of either a straight or branched saturated configuration. As used herein, "C<sub>0</sub> alkyl" means that there is no carbon and therefore represents a bond. Examples of

"alkyl" include, but are not limited to, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl and tert-butyl, pentyl, hexyl, isopentyl and the like. Alkyl as defined above may be optionally substituted with a 5 designated number of substituents as set forth in the embodiment recited above. As used herein, the term "alkyloxo" means an alkyl group of the designated number of carbon atoms with a "=O" substituent.

The term "alkenyl" means hydrocarbon chain of a 10 specified number of carbon atoms of either a straight or branched configuration and having at least one carbon-carbon double bond, which may occur at any point along the chain, such as ethenyl, propenyl, butenyl, pentenyl, vinyl, alkyl, 2-butenyl and the like. Alkenyl as defined above may be 15 optionally substituted with designated number of substituents as set forth in the embodiment recited above.

The term "alkynyl" means hydrocarbon chain of a specified number of carbon atoms of either a straight or branched configuration and having at least one carbon-carbon 20 triple bond, which may occur at any point along the chain. Example of alkynyl is acetylene. Alkynyl as defined above may be optionally substituted with designated number of substituents as set forth in the embodiment recited above.

The term "heteroalkyl" refers to a means

hydrocarbon chain of a specified number of carbon atoms wherein at least one carbon is replaced by a heteroatom selected from the group consisting of O, N and S.

The term "cycloalkyl" refers to a saturated or  
5 partially saturated carbocycle containing one or more rings  
of from 3 to 12 carbon atoms, typically 3 to 7 carbon atoms.  
Examples of cycloalkyl includes, but are not limited to  
cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and  
cycloheptyl, and the like. "Cycloalkyaryl" means that an  
10 aryl is fused with a cycloalkyl, and "Cycloalkylaryl-alkyl"  
means that the cycloalkylaryl is linked to the parent  
molecule through the alkyl. Cycloalkyl as defined above may  
be optionally substituted with a designated number of  
substituents as set forth in the embodiment recited above.

15 The term "halo" refers to fluoro, chloro, bromo  
and iodo.

The term "haloalkyl" is a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group, which  
is substituted with one or more halo atoms selected from F,  
Br, Cl and I. An example of a haloalkyl group is  
20 trifluoromethyl (CF<sub>3</sub>).

The term "alkoxy" and "alkyloxy" represents an  
alkyl group of indicated number of carbon atoms attached  
through an oxygen bridge, such as methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy,  
isopropoxy, butoxy, tert-butoxy, pentoxy, and the like.

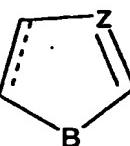
Alkoxy as defined above may be optionally substituted with a designated number of substituents as set forth in the embodiment recited above.

The term "haloalkyloxy" represents a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> haloalkyl group attached through an oxygen bridge, such as OCF<sub>3</sub>. The "haloalkyloxy" as defined above may be optionally substituted with a designated number of substituents as set forth in the embodiment recited above.

The term "oxo" means a group of the formula: "=O".  
10 The term "sulfo" means a group of the formula "=S".

The term "aryl" includes carbocyclic aromatic ring systems (e.g. phenyl), fused polycyclic aromatic ring systems (e.g. naphthyl and anthracenyl) and aromatic ring systems fused to carbocyclic non-aromatic ring systems  
15 (e.g., 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthyl). "Aryl" as defined above may be optionally substituted with a designated number of substituents as set forth in the embodiment recited above.

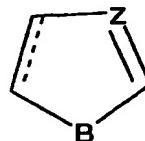
As used herein, the term "fused carbocyclic" means an optionally saturated C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>9</sub> ring system that is fused with



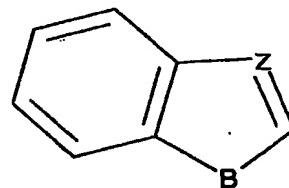
20 the group to form a 7 to 12 member bicyclic ring system. The fused ring system can optionally contain one or

more double bonds. Such fused ring system is substituted with R1 and R32, as defined herein.

As used herein, the term "fused phenyl" means that



the phenyl ring is fused with the group to form a



5 bicyclic group of the formula and wherein such group is substituted with R32 and R1, as defined herein.

The term "arylalkyl" refers to an aryl alkyl group which is linked to the parent molecule through the alkyl 10 group, which may be further optionally substituted with a designated number of substituents as set forth in the embodiment recited above. When arylalkyl is arylC<sub>0</sub>alkyl, then the aryl group is bonded directly to the parent molecule. Likewise, arylheteroalkyl means an aryl group 15 linked to the parent molecule through the heteroalkyl group.

The term "acyl" refers to alkylcarbonyl species.

The term "heteroaryl" group, as used herein, is an aromatic ring system having at least one heteroatom such as nitrogen, sulfur or oxygen and includes monocyclic, bicyclic

or tricyclic aromatic ring of 5- to 14-carbon atoms containing one or more heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of O, N, and S. The "heteroaryl" as defined above may be optionally substituted with a designated number 5 of substituents as set forth in the embodiment recited above. Examples of heteroaryl are, but are not limited to, furanyl, indolyl, thienyl (also referred to herein as "thiophenyl") thiazolyl, imidazolyl, isoxazoyl, oxazoyl, pyrazoyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazinyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl, 10 pyrimidinyl and purinyl, cinnolinyl, benzofuranyl, benzothienyl, benzotriazolyl, benzoxazolyl, quinoline, isoxazolyl, isoquinoline and the like. The term "heteroarylalkyl" means that the heteroaryl group is linked to the parent molecule through the alkyl portion of the 15 heteroarylalkyl.

The term "heterocycloalkyl" refers to a non-aromatic ring which contains one or more oxygen, nitrogen or sulfur and includes a monocyclic, bicyclic or tricyclic non-aromatic ring of 5 to 14 carbon atoms containing one or more 20 heteroatoms selected from O, N or S. The "heterocycloalkyl" as defined above may be optionally substituted with a designated number of substituents as set forth in the embodiment recited above. Examples of heterocycloalkyl include, but are not limited to, morpholine, piperidine,

piperazine, pyrrolidine, and thiomorpholine. As used herein, alkyl groups include straight chained and branched hydrocarbons, which are completely saturated.

As used herein, the phrase "selectively modulate" means 5 a compound whose EC50 for the stated PPAR receptor is at least ten fold lower than its EC50 for the other PPAR receptor subtypes.

When a compound represented by Structural Formula I has more than one chiral substituent it may exist in 10 diastereoisomeric forms. The diastereoisomeric pairs may be separated by methods known to those skilled in the art; for example chromatography or crystallization and the individual enantiomers within each pair may be separated using methods familiar to the skilled artisan. The present invention 15 includes each diastereoisomer of compounds of Structural Formula I and mixtures thereof.

The compounds of Structural Formula I may contain one or more chiral centers, and exist in different optically active forms. When compounds of Structural Formula I 20 contain one chiral center, the compounds exist in two enantiomeric forms and the present invention includes both enantiomers and mixtures of enantiomers, such as racemic mixtures. The enantiomers may be resolved by methods known to those skilled in the art, for example by formation of

diastereoisomeric salts which may be separated, for example, by crystallization; formation of diastereoisomeric derivatives or complexes which may be separated, for example, by crystallization, gas-liquid or liquid chromatography; selective reaction of one enantiomer with an enantiomer-specific reagent, for example enzymatic esterification; or gas-liquid or liquid chromatography in a chiral environment, for example on a chiral support for example silica with a bound chiral ligand or in the presence of a chiral solvent. It will be appreciated that where the desired enantiomer is converted into another chemical entity by one of the separation procedures described above, a further step is required to liberate the desired enantiomeric form. Alternatively, specific enantiomers may be synthesized by asymmetric synthesis using optically active reagents, substrates, catalysts or solvents, or by converting one enantiomer into the other by asymmetric transformation.

Certain compounds of Structural Formula I may exist in different stable conformational forms which may be separable. Torsional asymmetry due to restricted rotation about an asymmetric single bond, for example because of steric hindrance or ring strain, may permit separation of different conformers. The present invention includes each

conformational isomer of compounds of Structural Formula I and mixtures thereof.

Certain compounds of Structural Formula I may exist in zwitterionic form and the present invention includes each 5 zwitterionic form of compounds of Structural Formula I and mixtures thereof.

"Pharmaceutically-acceptable salt" refers to salts of the compounds of the Structural Formula I which are considered to be acceptable for clinical and/or veterinary 10 use. Typical pharmaceutically-acceptable salts include those salts prepared by reaction of the compounds of the present invention with a mineral or organic acid or an organic or inorganic base. Such salts are known as acid addition salts and base addition salts, respectively. It 15 will be recognized that the particular counterion forming a part of any salt of this invention is not of a critical nature, so long as the salt as a whole is pharmaceutically-acceptable and as long as the counterion does not contribute undesired qualities to the salt as a whole. These salts may 20 be prepared by methods known to the skilled artisan.

The term, "active ingredient" means the compounds generically described by Structural Formula I as well as the stereoisomers, salts, solvates, and hydrates,

The term "pharmaceutically acceptable" means that the 25 carrier, diluent, excipients and salt are pharmaceutically compatible with the other ingredients of the composition. Pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention are prepared by procedures known in the art using well known and readily available ingredients.

"Preventing" refers to reducing the likelihood that the recipient will incur or develop any of the pathological conditions described herein. The term "preventing" is particularly applicable to a patient that is susceptible to 5 the particular pathological condition.

"Treating" refers to mediating a disease or condition and preventing, or mitigating, its further progression or ameliorate the symptoms associated with the disease or condition.

10 "Pharmaceutically-effective amount" means that amount of active ingredientit, that will elicit the biological or medical response of a tissue, system, or mammal. Such an amount can be administered prophylactically to a patient thought to be susceptible to development of a disease or 15 condition. Such amount when administered prophylactically to a patient can also be effective to prevent or lessen the severity of the mediated condition. Such an amount is intended to include an amount which is sufficient to modulate a selected PPAR receptor or to prevent or mediate a 20 disease or condition. Generally, the effective amount of a Compound of Formula I will be between 0.02 through 5000 mg per day. Preferably the effective amount is between 1 through 1,500 mg per day. Preferably the dosage is from 1 through 1,000 mg per day.

25 The desired dose may be presented in a single dose or as divised doses administered at appropriate intervals.

A "mammal" is an individual animal that is a member of the taxonomic class Mammalia. The class Mammalia includes humans, monkeys, chimpanzees, gorillas, cattle, swine, 30 horses, sheep, dogs, cats, mice, and rats.

Administration to a human is most preferred. The compounds and compositions of the present invention are

useful for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of cardiovascular disease, for raising serum HDL cholesterol levels, for lowering serum triglyceride levels and for lower serum LDL cholesterol levels. Elevated triglyceride and LDL levels, and low HDL levels, are risk factors for the development of heart disease, stroke, and circulatory system disorders and diseases.

The compounds and compositions of the present invention are also useful for treating and/or preventing obesity.

Further, these compounds and compositions are useful for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus (NIDDM) with reduced or no body weight gains by the patients. Furthermore, the compounds and compositions of the present invention are useful to treat or prevent acute or transient disorders in insulin sensitivity, such as sometimes occur following surgery, trauma, myocardial infarction, and the like. The physician of ordinary skill will know how to identify humans who will benefit from administration of the compounds and compositions of the present invention.

The present invention further provides a method for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of hyperglycemia in a human or non-human mammal which comprises administering an effective amount of active ingredient, as defined herein, to a hyperglycemic human or non-human mammal in need thereof.

The invention also relates to the use of a compound of Formula I as described above, for the manufacture of a medicament for treating a PPAR receptor mediated condition.

A therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Structural Formula I can be used for the preparation of a medicament useful for treating Syndrome X, diabetes, treating obesity, lowering triglyceride levels, lowering

serum LDL levels, raising the plasma level of high density lipoprotein, and for treating, preventing or reducing the risk of developing atherosclerosis, and for preventing or reducing the risk of having a first or subsequent  
5 atherosclerotic disease event in mammals, particularly in humans. In general, a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of the present invention typically reduces serum triglyceride levels of a patient by about 20% or more, and increases serum HDL levels in a patient. Preferably, HDL  
10 levels will be increased by about 30% or more. In addition, a therapeutically effective amount of a compound, used to prevent or treat NIDDM, typically reduces serum glucose levels, or more specifically HbA1c, of a patient by about 0.7% or more.

15 When used herein Syndrome X includes pre-diabetic insulin resistance syndrome and the resulting complications thereof, insulin resistance, non-insulin dependent diabetes, dyslipidemia, hyperglycemia obesity, coagulopathy, hypertension and other complications associated with  
20 diabetes. The methods and treatments mentioned herein include the above and encompass the treatment and/or prophylaxis of any one of or any combination of the following: pre-diabetic insulin resistance syndrome, the resulting complications thereof, insulin resistance, Type II or non-insulin dependent diabetes, dyslipidemia,  
25 hyperglycemia, obesity and the complications associated with diabetes including cardiovascular disease, especially atherosclerosis.

The compositions are formulated and administered in the  
30 same general manner as detailed herein. The compounds of the instant invention may be used effectively alone or in combination with one or more additional active agents

depending on the desired target therapy. Combination therapy includes administration of a single pharmaceutical dosage composition which contains a compound of Structural Formula I, a stereoisomer, salt, solvate and/or hydrate thereof ("Active Ingredient") and one or more additional active agents, as well as administration of a compound of Active Ingredient and each active agent in its own separate pharmaceutical dosage formulation. For example, an Active Ingredient and an insulin secretagogue such as biguanides, thiazolidinediones, sulfonylureas, insulin, or  $\alpha$ -glucosidase inhibitors can be administered to the patient together in a single oral dosage composition such as a tablet or capsule, or each agent administered in separate oral dosage formulations. Where separate dosage formulations are used, an Active Ingredient and one or more additional active agents can be administered at essentially the same time, i.e., concurrently, or at separately staggered times, i.e., sequentially; combination therapy is understood to include all these regimens.

An example of combination treatment or prevention of atherosclerosis may be wherein an Active Ingredient is administered in combination with one or more of the following active agents: antihyperlipidemic agents; plasma HDL-raising agents; antihypercholesterolemic agents, fibrates, vitamins, aspirin, and the like. As noted above, the Active Ingredient can be administered in combination with more than one additional active agent.

Another example of combination therapy can be seen in treating diabetes and related disorders wherein the Active Ingredient can be effectively used in combination with, for example, sulfonylureas, biguanides, thiazolidinediones,  $\alpha$ -glucosidase inhibitors, other insulin secretagogues, insulin

as well as the active agents discussed above for treating atherosclerosis.

The Active Ingredients of the present invention, have valuable pharmacological properties and can be used in pharmaceutical compositions containing a therapeutically effective amount of Active Ingredient of the present invention, in combination with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients. Excipients are inert substances such as, without limitation carriers, diluents, fillers, flavoring agents, sweeteners, lubricants, solubilizers, suspending agents, wetting agents, binders, disintegrating agents, encapsulating material and other conventional adjuvants. Proper formulation is dependent upon the route of administration chosen. Pharmaceutical compositions typically contain from about 1 to about 99 weight percent of the Active Ingredient of the present invention.

Preferably, the pharmaceutical formulation is in unit dosage form. A "unit dosage form" is a physically discrete unit containing a unit dose, suitable for administration in human subjects or other mammals. For example, a unit dosage form can be a capsule or tablet, or a number of capsules or tablets. A "unit dose" is a predetermined quantity of the Active Ingredient of the present invention, calculated to produce the desired therapeutic effect, in association with one or more pharmaceutically-acceptable excipients. The quantity of active ingredient in a unit dose may be varied or adjusted from about 0.1 to about 1500 milligrams or more according to the particular treatment involved. It may be preferred that the unit dosage is from about 1 mg to about 1000 mg.

The dosage regimen utilizing the compounds of the present invention is selected by one of ordinary skill in

the medical or veterinary arts, in view of a variety of factors, including, without limitation, the species, age, weight, sex, and medical condition of the recipient, the severity of the condition to be treated, the route of administration, the level of metabolic and excretory function of the recipient, the dosage form employed, the particular compound and salt thereof employed, and the like.

Advantageously, compositions containing the compound of Structural Formula I or the salts thereof may be provided in dosage unit form, preferably each dosage unit containing from about 1 to about 500 mg be administered although it will, of course, readily be understood that the amount of the compound or compounds of Structural Formula I actually to be administered will be determined by a physician, in the light of all the relevant circumstances.

Preferably, the compounds of the present invention are administered in a single daily dose, or the total daily dose may be administered in divided doses, two, three, or more times per day. Where delivery is via transdermal forms, of course, administration is continuous.

Suitable routes of administration of pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention include, for example, oral, eyedrop, rectal, transmucosal, topical, or intestinal administration; parenteral delivery (bolus or infusion), including intramuscular, subcutaneous, intramedullary injections, as well as intrathecal, direct intraventricular, intravenous, intraperitoneal, intranasal, or intraocular injections. The compounds of the invention can also be administered in a targeted drug delivery system, such as, for example, in a liposome coated with endothelial cell-specific antibody.

Solid form formulations include powders, tablets and capsules.

Sterile liquid formulations include suspensions, emulsions, syrups, and elixirs.

5 Pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention can be manufactured in a manner that is itself known, e.g., by means of conventional mixing, dissolving, granulating, dragee-making, levigating, emulsifying, encapsulating, entrapping, lyophilizing processes, and/or coupled with 10 soluble polymers as targeted drug carriers.

The following pharmaceutical formulations 1 and 2 are illustrative only and are not intended to limit the scope of the invention in any way.

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#### Formulation 1

Hard gelatin capsules are prepared using the following ingredients:

	Quantity <u>(mg/capsule)</u>
Active Ingredient	250
Starch, dried	200
Magnesium stearate	<u>10</u>
Total	460 mg

#### Formulation 2

20 A tablet is prepared using the ingredients below:

	Quantity <u>(mg/tablet)</u>
Active Ingredient	250
Cellulose, microcrystalline	400
Silicon dioxide, fumed	10

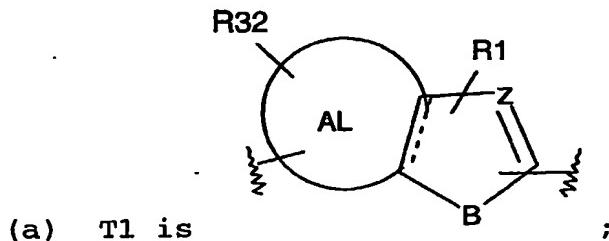
Stearic acid	<u>5</u>
Total	665 mg

The components are blended and compressed to form tablets each weighing 665 mg.

In yet another embodiment of the compounds of the present invention, the compound is radiolabelled, such as with carbon-14, or tritiated. Said radiolabelled or tritiated compounds are useful as reference standards for in vitro assays to identify new selective PPAR receptor agonists.

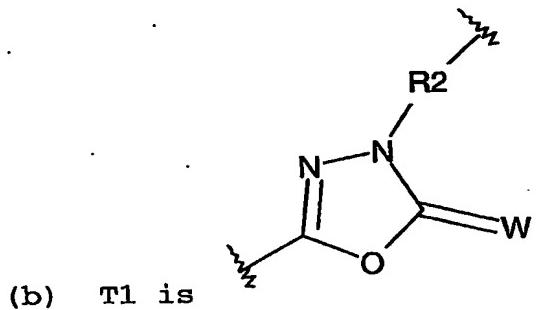
The compounds of the present invention can be useful for modulating insulin secretion and as research tools. Certain compounds and conditions within the scope of this invention are preferred. The following conditions, invention embodiments, and compound characteristics listed in tabular form are preferred and may be independently combined to produce a variety of preferred compounds and process conditions. The following list of embodiments of this invention is not intended to limit the scope of this invention in any way.

Some preferred characteristics of compounds of formula I are:

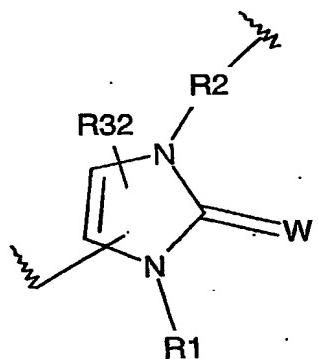


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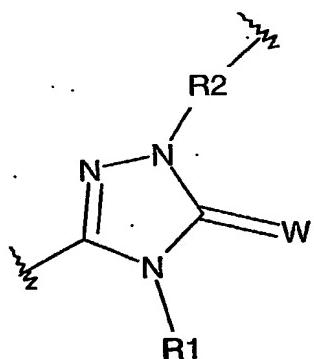
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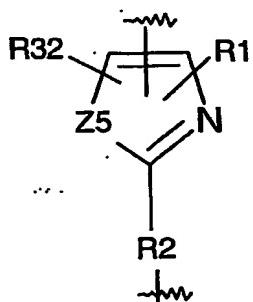
(b) T1 is ;



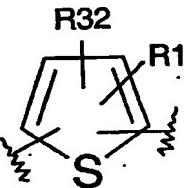
(c) T1 is ;



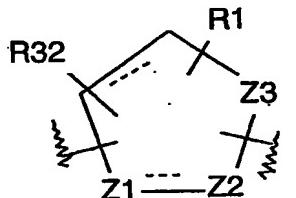
(d) T1 is ;



(e) T1 is ;



(f) T1 is ;



(g) T1 is ;

(h) R3 is methyl;

(i) R4 is hydrogen;

5 (j) R3 and R4 are each hydrogen;

(k) R3 and R4 are each methyl;

(l) A is carboxyl;

(m) X is -O-;

(n) X is -S-;

10 (o) U is CH;

(p) U is CH<sub>2</sub>CH;

(q) R9 is methyl;

(r) R9 is hydrogen;

(s) R9 is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl;

15 (t) R8 is methyl;

(u) R8 and R9 are each hydrogen;

(v) R8 and R9 are each oxo, Z4 is N, and Y is bonded to Z4;

20 (w) Y and X are substituted para to oneanother through the phenyl ring of the headpiece;

(x) R9 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, halo, arylalkyl, heteroaryl, allyl and OR29;

(y) R9 is substituted arylalkyl or heteroaryl;

25 (z) R10 is CF<sub>3</sub>;

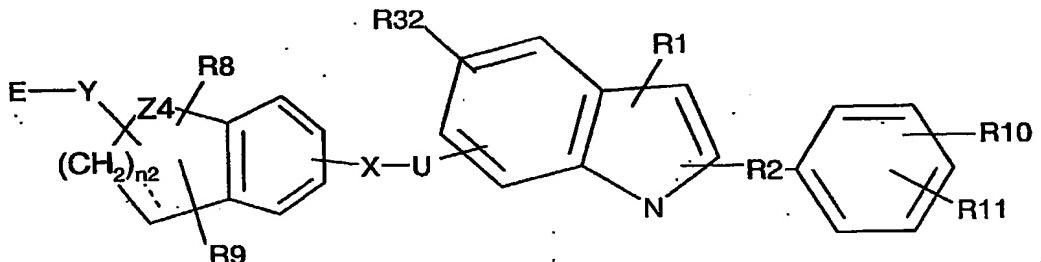
- (aa) R<sub>10</sub> is haloalkyl;  
(bb) R<sub>10</sub> is haloalkyloxy;  
(cc) R<sub>11</sub> is hydrogen  
(dd) R<sub>10</sub> and R<sub>11</sub> are each hydrogen;  
5 (ee) R<sub>11</sub> is haloalkyl;  
(ff) Z is N;  
(gg) Z is C and B is N;  
(hh) Z<sub>4</sub> is N;  
(ii) Z<sub>4</sub> is O;  
10 (jj) Z<sub>4</sub> is S;  
(kk) B is S;  
(ll) B is O;  
(mm) AL is unsaturated;  
(nn) AL is saturated;  
15 (oo) AL is aromatic;  
(pp) AL is a fused phenyl;  
(qq) ---- in the five membered ring each form a double bond at the designated position in Formula I;  
20 (rr) R<sub>1</sub> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl;  
(ss) R<sub>32</sub> is hydrogen;  
(tt) R<sub>2</sub> is a bond;  
(uu) R<sub>2</sub> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub> alkyl;  
(vv) Y is O;  
25 (ww) Y is S;  
(xx) Y is C;  
(yy) E is C(R<sub>3</sub>)(R<sub>4</sub>)A;  
(zz) R<sub>3</sub> is hydrogen;  
(aaa) R<sub>3</sub> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub> alkyl;  
30 (bbb) R<sub>4</sub> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub> alkyl;  
(ccc) R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> are each hydrogen;  
(ddd) R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> are each methyl;

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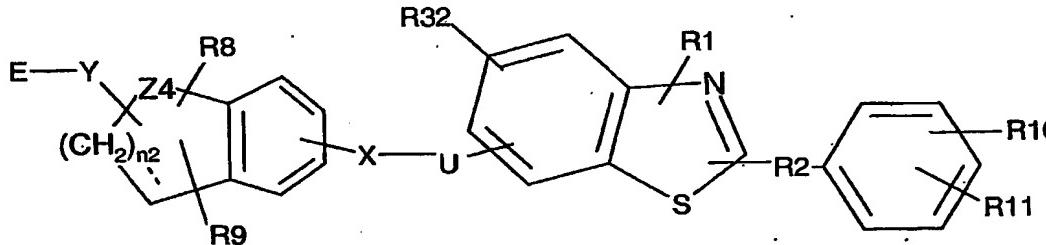
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- (eee) A is COOH;
  - (fff) Aliphatic linker is saturated;
  - (ggg) Aliphatic linker is substituted with  $C_1-C_3$  alkyl;
  - (hhh) Aliphatic linker is  $C_1-C_3$  alkyl;
  - (iii) Aliphatic linker is  $C_1-C_2$  alkyl;
  - (jjj) Aliphatic linker is  $C_1-C_3$  alkyl and one carbon is replaced with an -O-;
  - (kkk) A compound of this invention of the

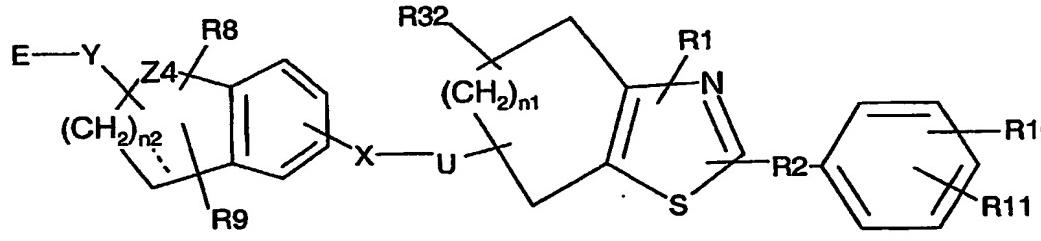
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- (III) A compound of this invention of the  
Structural Formula III:



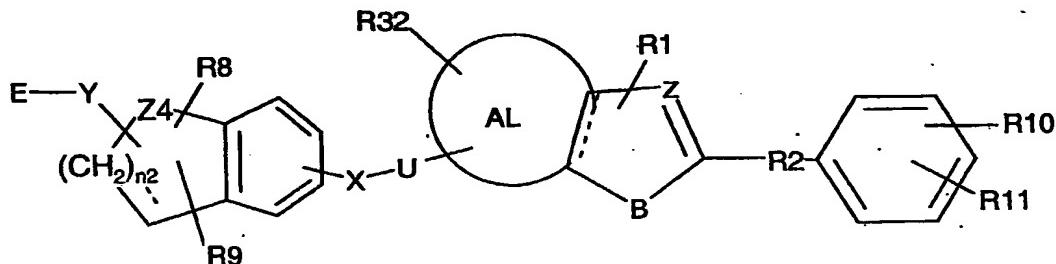
- 15 (mmm) A compound of this invention of the  
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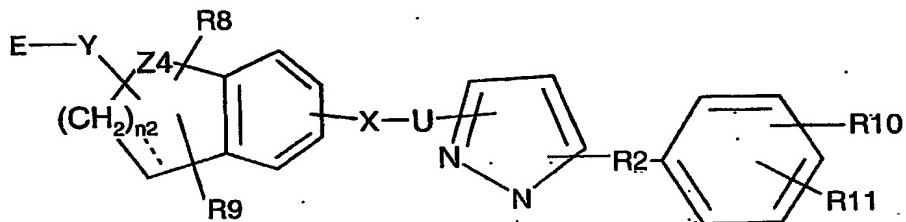
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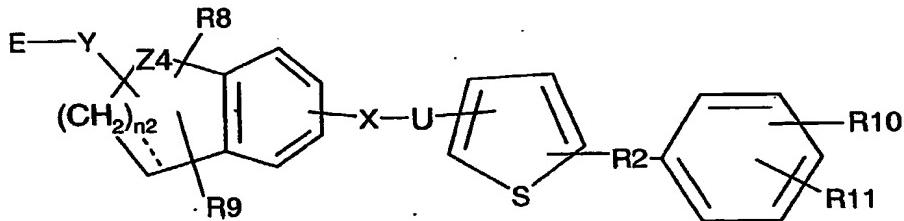
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Structural Formula V:



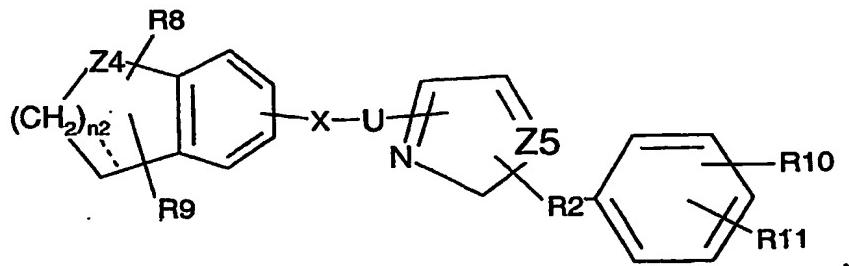
(ooo) A compound of this invention of the  
5 Structural Formula VI:



(ppp) A compound of this invention of the  
Structural Formula VII:

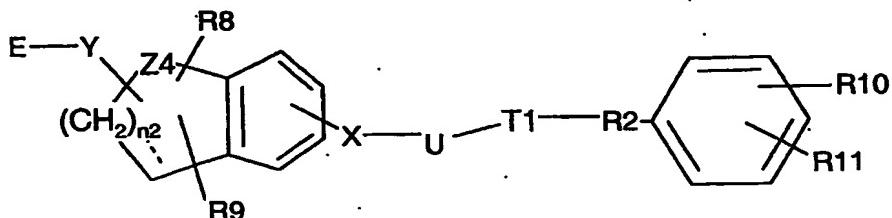


10 (qqq) A compound of this invention of the  
Structural Formula VIII:



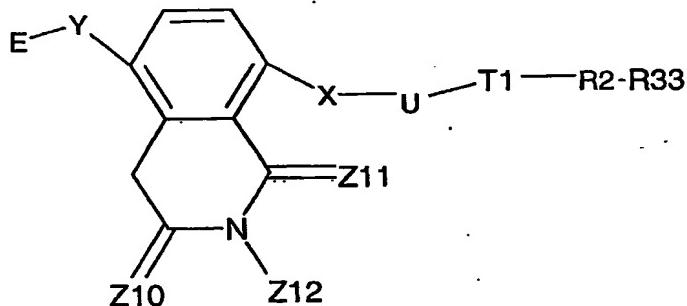
(rrr) A compound of this invention of the

Structural Formula IX:



(sss) A compound of this invention of the

5 Structural Formula X:



wherein Z11 and Z10

are each O or S.

(ttt) Aryl is a phenyl group;

10 (uuu) A compound of Formula I that selectively modulates a delta receptor;

(vvv) An Active Ingredient, as described herein, that is a PPAR coagonist that modulates a gamma receptor and a delta receptor;

15 (www) An Active Ingredient, as described herein, for use in the treatment of cardiovascular disease;

(xxx) An Active Ingredient, as described herein, for use in the treatment of Syndrome X;

20 (yyy) An Active Ingredient for use in the control of obesity;

(zzz) An Active Ingredient for use in treating diabetes;

(aaaa) An Active Ingredient that is a PPAR receptor agonist;

(bbbb) A compound of Formula I selected from the group consisting of

- 5 {5-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;  
[5-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy)-indol-1-yl]-acetic acid;  
{5-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-  
10 ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;  
{5-[2-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-  
1-yl}-acetic acid;  
{5-[2-(4-Benzyl-oxy-phenyl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-  
indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;  
15 2-Methyl-2-{5-[2-[2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-  
ylmethoxy]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid;  
{5-[4-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-  
ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;  
20 2-Methyl-2-{5-[2-[4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-  
thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid;  
{5-[2-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-5-  
ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;  
{5-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-  
ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;  
25 2-Methyl-2-{5-[4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-  
5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid;

- Racemic 2-{5-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid;
- {5-[2-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;
- 5 {5-[4-Butyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;
- 2-{5-[4-Butyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid;
- {5-[4-Phenethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;
- 10 2-{5-[4-(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenoxy)methyl]-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid;
- {5-[4-Phenoxy)methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;
- 15 Racemic 2-Methyl-2-{5-[4-phenoxy)methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid;
- 2-Methyl-2-{5-[4-phenoxy)methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid;
- 20 3-{5-[4-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid;
- 5-{5-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-pentanoic acid;

- 5-{5-[4-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-pentanoic acid;
- {5-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;
- 5 {5-[4-(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenoxy-methyl)-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;
- 2-{5-[4-(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenoxy-methyl)-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-2-
- 10 methyl-propionic acid;
- 5-{5-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-pentanoic acid;
- 5-{5-[2-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-pentanoic acid;
- 15 5-{5-[4-Phenethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-pentanoic acid;
- 4-[1-(4-Carboxy-butyl)-1H-indol-5-yloxy-methyl]-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazole-5-carboxylic acid;
- 3-{5-[2-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid;
- 20 1-yl)-propionic acid;
- 3-{5-[4-Phenethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid;
- 3-{5-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid;

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- 4-[1-(2-Carboxy-ethyl)-1H-indol-5-yloxy-methyl]-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazole-5-carboxylic acid;  
(5-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethylsulfanyl]-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;
- 5 {5-[4-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;  
(5-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;  
(5-[2-(5-Methyl-2-pyridin-4-yl-thiazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;
- 10 {5-[2-(5-Methyl-2-morpholin-4-yl-thiazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;  
(5-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;
- 15 (5-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(tetrahydro-pyran-4-yl)-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;  
(5-[2-(2-Butoxy-5-methyl-oxazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;  
(5-[2-(5-Methyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-thiazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;
- 20 {5-[2-(5-Methyl-2-pyridin-2-yl-thiazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;  
(5-{2-[2-(5-Bromo-thiophen-2-yl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;

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{5-[3-(4-Butyl-phenoxy)-propoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;  
(5-{2-[2-(3-Bromo-phenyl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-  
indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;  
(5-{2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-  
5 ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;  
2-(5-{2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-  
ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid;  
(5-{2-[2-(2-Chloro-phenyl)-5-ethyl-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-  
indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;  
10 2-(5-{2-[2-(2-Chloro-phenyl)-5-ethyl-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-  
indol-1-yl)-propionic acid;  
(5-{2-[5-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-  
ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;  
2-(5-{2-[5-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-  
15 yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid;  
2-(5-{2-[2-(2-Chloro-phenyl)-5-ethyl-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-  
indol-1-yl)-2-methyl-propionic acid;  
Racemic 2-(5-{2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-  
oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid;  
20 (5-{2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-  
ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;  
2-(5-{2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-  
ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-2-methyl-propionic acid;

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- 3-(5-{2-[2-(2-Chloro-phenyl)-5-ethyl-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid;
- 3-(5-{2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid;
- 5 2-Methyl-2-(5-{2-[5-propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid;
- Racemic-(5-{1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;
- Racemic-(5-{1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;
- 10 Racemic-(5-{1-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;
- Racemic-(5-{1-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;
- Racemic-(5-{2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-1-methyl-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;
- 15 Racemic-(5-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;
- (S)-(5-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;
- 20 (R)-(5-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;
- Racemic-(5-{1-[4-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;

Racemic-(6-{1-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

Racemic-(6-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

- 5 Racemic-(1-Methyl-6-{2-[5-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;  
(S)-(6-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-  
y1]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

- 10 (S)-(6-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-  
y1]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

Racemic-(6-Hydroxy-5-{1-[4-isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethyl}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;  
(6-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-  
y1]-propoxy}-1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

- 15 (1-Methyl-6-{2-[4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;  
(6-{2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-  
propoxy}-1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

- (R)-(6-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-  
5-yl]-propoxy}-1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

- 20 (S)-(6-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-  
5-yl]-propoxy}-1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

Racemic-(1-Methyl-6-{2-[4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

Racemic-(1-Methyl-6-{2-[4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

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- Racemic-(1-Ethyl-6-{2-[4-isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;
- Racemic-(6-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-1-propyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;
- 5 Racemic-(5-{1-[4-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;
- {5-[4-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;
- Racemic-2-{5-[4-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-
- 10 5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid;
- 2-Methyl-2-{5-[4-propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid;
- Racemic-2-{5-[4-Phenethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid;
- 15 2-Methyl-2-{5-[4-phenethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid;
- {5-[4-Phenethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;
- {5-[4-Phenyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-
- 20 5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;
- {5-[4-tert-Butyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;

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- {5-[4-[2-(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenyl)-ethyl]-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;
- 2-Methyl-2-[5-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy)-indol-1-yl]-propionic acid;
- 5 2-{5-[2-(4-Trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-2-methyl-propionic acid;
- 2-{5-[2-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-2-methyl-propionic acid;
- 10 2-{5-[2-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-2-methyl-propionic acid;
- 2-Methyl-2-(5-{2-[5-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid;
- 15 2-(5-{2-[2-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-2-methyl-propionic acid;
- 2-(5-{2-[2-(5-Bromo-thiophen-2-yl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-2-methyl-propionic acid;
- 2-Methyl-2-{5-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-thiazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid;
- 20 {5-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-2-methyl-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;
- 2-{5-[2-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-2-methyl-propionic acid;

- {4-[4-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;
- {1-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethyl]-1H-indol-5-yloxy}-acetic acid;
- 5 Racemic-(5-{1-[4-[2-(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenyl)-ethyl]-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;
- Racemic-(5-{1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-2-phenyl-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;
- 10 Racemic-(5-{1-[4-Phenethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;
- 2-{5-[4-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-2-methyl-propionic acid;
- racemic(6-{1-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;
- 15 racemic(6-{1-[4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;
- (R)-(5-{1-[4-[2-(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenyl)-ethyl]-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;
- 20 (S)-(5-{1-[4-[2-(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenyl)-ethyl]-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;

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- (S)-(5-{1-[4-[2-(2-phenylethyl)]-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;
- (R)-(5-{1-[4-[2-(2-phenylethyl)]-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;
- 5 (R)-(6-{1-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;
- (S)-(6-{1-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;
- (S)-(5-{1-[4-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;
- 10 (R)-(5-{1-[4-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;
- (R)-(5-{1-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;
- (R)-(5-{1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;
- 15 (S)-(5-{1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;
- (S)-(5-{2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-1-methyl-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;
- 20 (R)-(5-{2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-1-methyl-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;
- {6-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl}-acetic acid;

- {6-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl}-acetic acid;
- {4-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl}-acetic acid;
- 5 {4-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl}-acetic acid;
- (6-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid;
- (6-{1-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid;
- 10 (6-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid;
- (6-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid;
- 15 (6-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid;
- (R)-(6-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid;
- (S)-(6-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid;
- 20 (6-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid;
- (R)-(4-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid;
- (S)-(4-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid;

(4-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid;

Racemic-(4-{1-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid;

5 (R)-(5-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

(S)-(5-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

(5-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

10 (R)-(1-Methyl-5-{2-[5-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

(S)-(1-Methyl-5-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

15 (1-Methyl-5-{2-[5-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

3-{1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-pyrido[1,2-a]indole-10-carboxylic acid;

5-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indole-2-carboxylic acid;

20 5-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-1-methyl-1H-indole-2-carboxylic acid;

(6-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid;

- (6-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid;
- (6-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid;
- 5 (6-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid;
- {6-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-ylmethoxy]-benzofuran-3-yl}-acetic acid;
- (6-{1-Methyl-1-[4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-ethylsulfanyl}-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid;
- 10 {6-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-ylmethylsulfanyl]-benzofuran-3-yl}-acetic acid;
- (6-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-ethylsulfanyl}-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid;
- 15 (6-{1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-ethylsulfanyl}-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid;
- 2-{6-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-ylmethoxy]-benzofuran-3-yl}-propionic acid;
- 2-(6-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-benzofuran-3-yl)-propionic acid;
- 20 (6-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid;
- (R)-(6-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid (Isomer 2);

- (S)-(6-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid;
- (6-{1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-1-yl)-acetic acid;
- 5 {2-Oxo-6-[4-phenyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-1-yl)-acetic acid;
- {7-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-1-yl)-acetic acid;
- {8-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-2-oxo-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-benzo[b]azepin-1-yl)-acetic acid;
- 10 N-(2-{5-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetyl)-methanesulfonamide;
- N-(2-{5-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetyl)-benzenesulfonamide;
- 15 N-[2-(5-{2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetyl]-methanesulfonamide;
- N-[2-(5-{2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetyl]-benzenesulfonamide;
- 20 (6-{1-[3-Methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-ethylsulfanyl}-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid;
- {6-[3-Methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethylsulfanyl]-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid;.

- (6-{1-[3-Methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid;
- 2-{5-[1-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-5-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-2-methyl-propionic acid;
- 5 (1-Methyl-6-{2-[3-methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;
- {5-[2-(5-Methyl-3-phenyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;
- (1-Methyl-6-{2-[3-methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;
- 10 (1-Methyl-6-{2-[4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;
- {5-[5-(4-Trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiophen-2-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;
- 15 3-{4-[3-Isobutyl-5-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiophen-2-ylmethoxy]-2-methyl-phenyl}-propionic acid;
- (5-{2-[3-Methyl-5-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiophen-2-yl]-propoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;
- (6-{1-[3-Methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-ethylsulfanyl}-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid;
- {6-[3-Methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethylsulfanyl]-benzofuran-3-yl}-acetic acid;
- (6-{1-[3-Methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid;

- 2-[5-[1-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-5-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl]-2-methyl-propionic acid;  
(1-Methyl-6-{2-[3-methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;
- 5 {5-[2-(5-Methyl-3-phenyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;  
(1-Methyl-6-{2-[3-methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;
- Racemic-{5-[2-(4-Trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-5,6-dihydro-4H-
- 10 cyclopentathiazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;  
(S)-{6-[2-(4-Trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-5,6-dihydro-4H-cyclopentathiazol-4-ylmethoxy]-1H-indol-3-yl}-acetic acid;  
{1-Methyl-6-[2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-5,6-dihydro-4H-cyclopentathiazol-4-ylmethoxy]-1H-indol-3-yl}-acetic acid;
- 15 {5-[2-(4-Trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-benzothiazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;  
{6-[2-(4-Trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-benzothiazol-4-ylmethoxy]-1H-indol-3-yl}-acetic acid;  
{6-[2-(4-Trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-
- 20 benzothiazol-4-ylmethoxy]-1H-indol-3-yl}-acetic acid;  
{1-Methyl-6-[2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-benzothiazol-4-ylmethoxy]-1H-indol-3-yl}-acetic acid;

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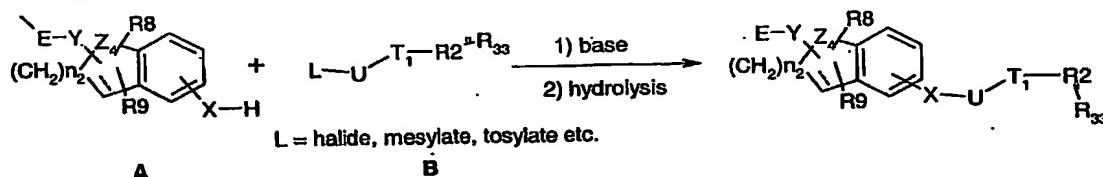
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{5-[2-(4-Trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-benzothiazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid; and {1-Methyl-6-[2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-4H-cycloheptathiazol-4-ylmethoxy]-1H-indol-3-yl}-acetic acid.

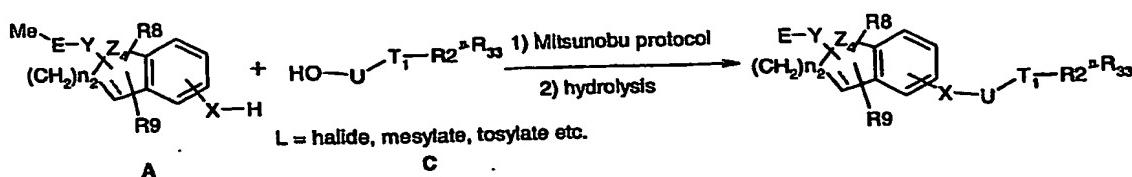
SYNTHESIS

Compounds of the present invention have been formed as specifically described in the examples. Further, many compounds are prepared as more generally using a) alkylation of phenol/thiophenol with an alkylating agent, b) a Mitsunobu protocol (O. Mitsunobu, 1981 *Synthesis*, p1); c) and other methods known to the skilled artisan. Alternative synthesis methods may also be effective and known to the skilled artisan.

For example, an intermediate like A is alkylated with an alkylating agent B in the presence of a base (e.g. K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> etc.). Hydrolysis in the presence of aqueous NaOH or LiOH gave the acid product.



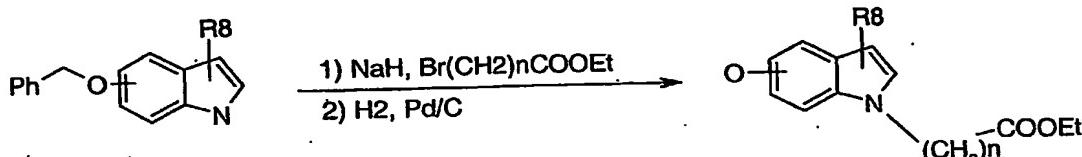
25 Alternatively, an intermediate like A is coupled with an alcohol C under Mitsunobu reaction condition (DEAD/PPh<sub>3</sub>, ADDP/Pbu<sub>3</sub> etc.). Hydrolysis in the presence of aqueous NaOH or LiOH gave the acid product:



Intermediates **A** can be made by one of the following methods.

Hydroxy-indol-1-yl carboxylic acid analogs:

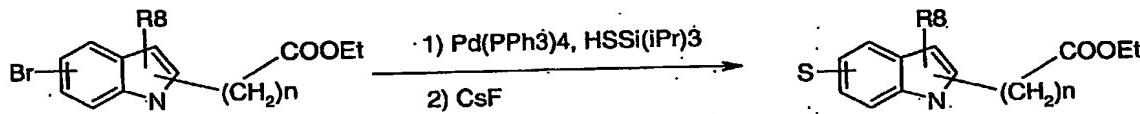
Scheme 1



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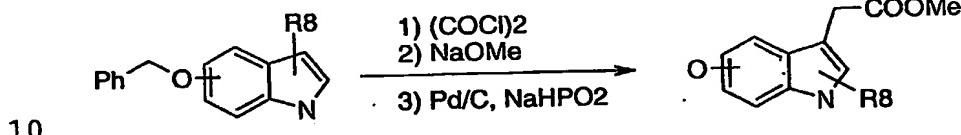
Mercaptetyl-indol-1-yl carboxylic acid analogs:

Scheme 2



Hydroxy-indol-3-yl acetic acid analogs:

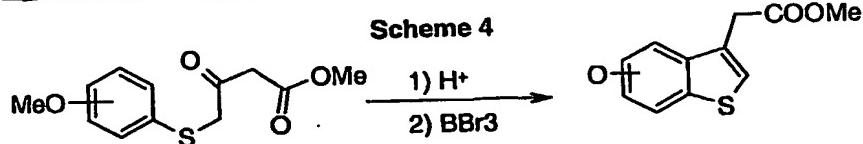
Scheme 3



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Hydroxy benzothiophen-3-yl acetic acid analogs:

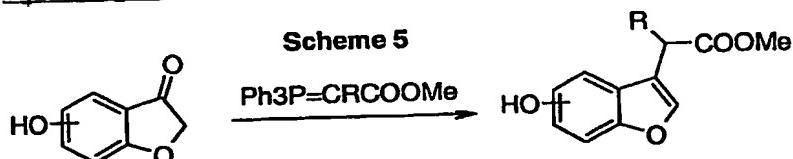
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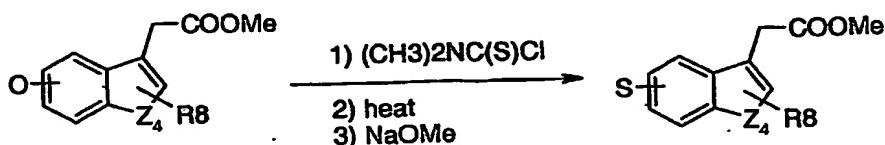
Hydroxy benzofuran-3-yl acetic acid analogs:

Scheme 5



Thiophenol analogs:

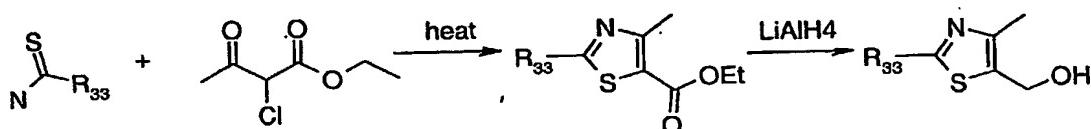
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Intermediates B, and C can be made in one of the following methods.

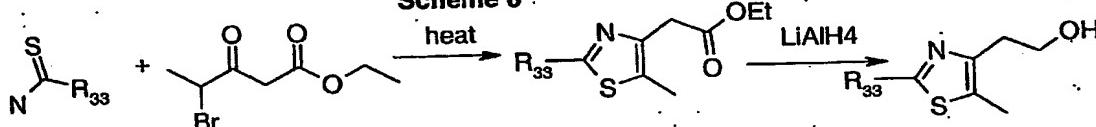
5 5-Hydroxymethyl thiazole:

Scheme 7



4-Hydroxyethyl thiazole:

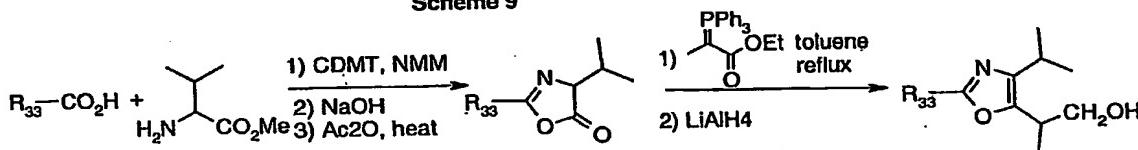
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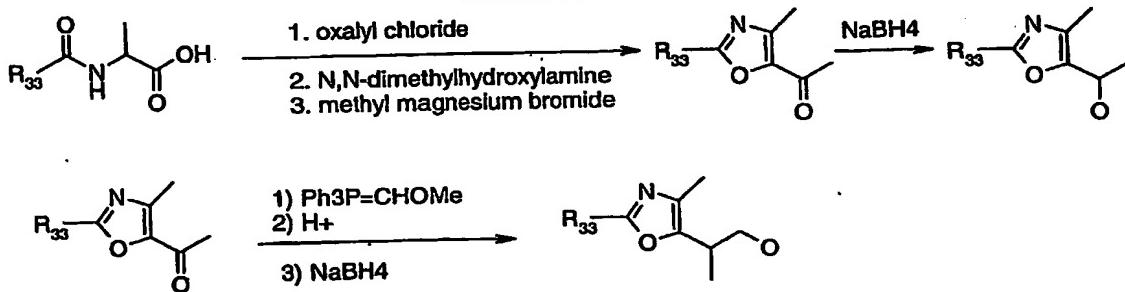
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5-Hydroxyethyl oxazole:

Scheme 9

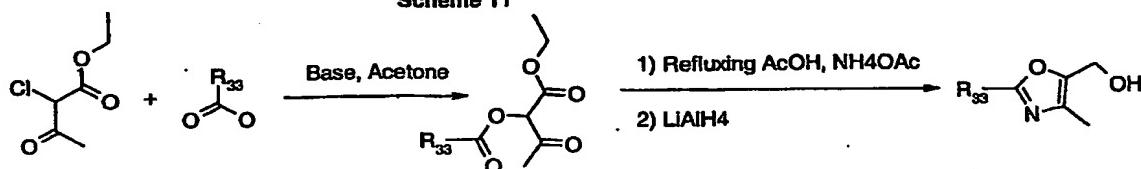


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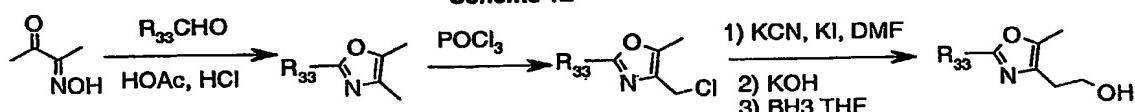


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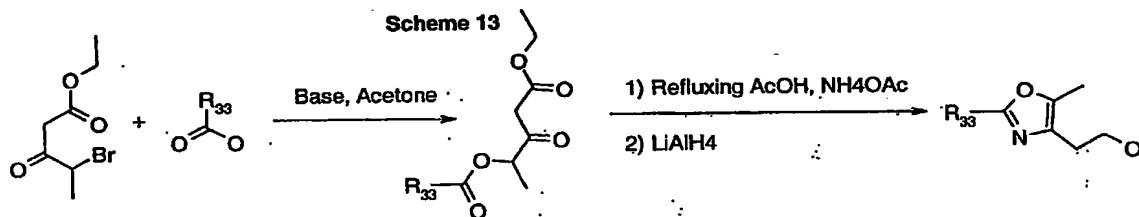
Scheme 11

5 4-Hydroxylethyl oxazole:

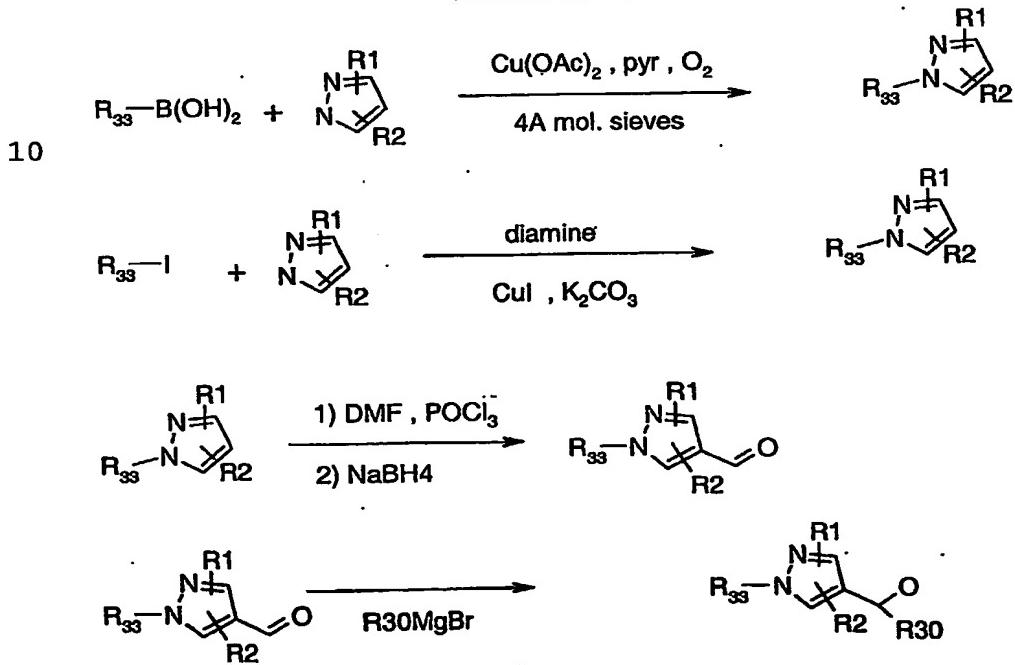
Scheme 12



Scheme 13

1-Aryl-4-hydroxymethyl Pyrazole:

Scheme 14



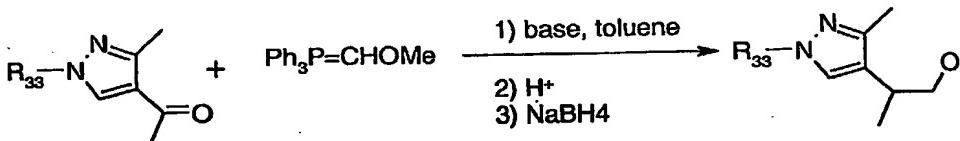
Alternatively, 1-aryl-3-formyl pyrazole can be made from  $\beta$ -ketoester as shown in scheme 15:

Scheme 15



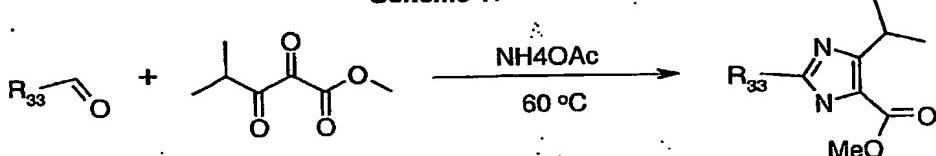
Further carbon chain extension can be achieved by a Wittig reaction as shown in Scheme 16, this chemistry can be applied to other series:

Scheme 16



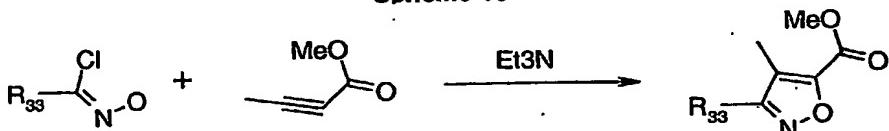
Imidazole analogs can be made according to scheme 17:

Scheme 17



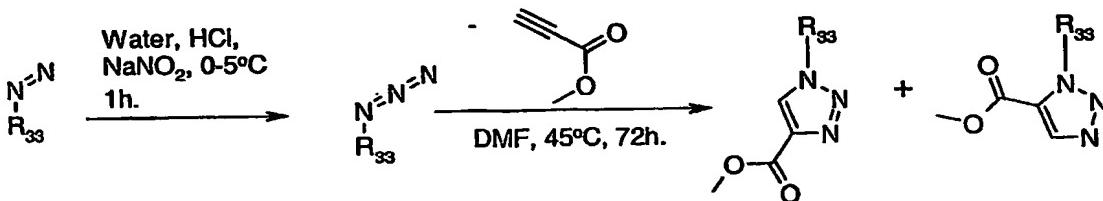
10 Isooxazole analog was synthesized as shown in scheme 18:

Scheme 18



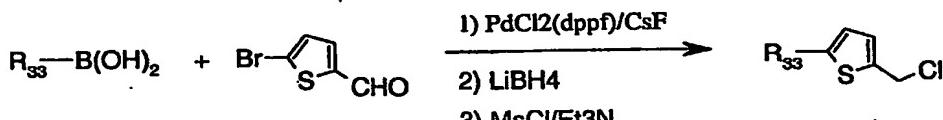
Triazole analogs were made from a cyclo-addition reaction:

Scheme 19

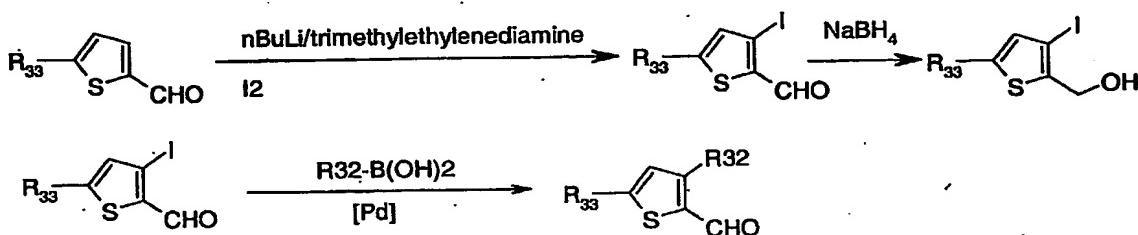


Thiophene compounds were made by following methods:

Scheme 20

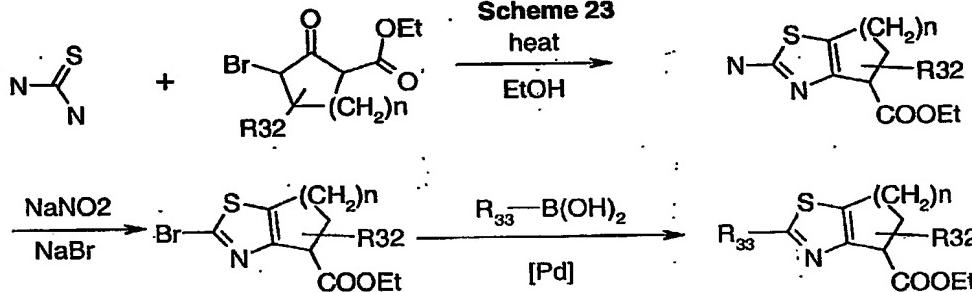


Scheme 21



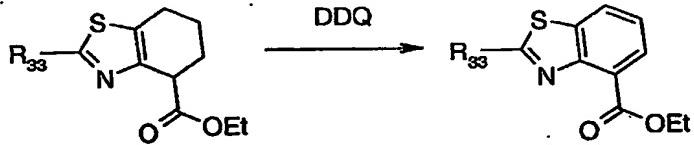
5 Fused thiazole compounds were made from a cyclization reaction between thioamide and  $\alpha'$ -halo- $\beta$ -ketoester:

Scheme 23



Benzothiazole analogs were made from an DDO oxaidation reaction:

Scheme 24



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EXEMPLIFICATION

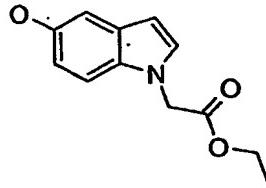
15 The Examples provided herein are illustrative of the invention claimed herein and are not intended to limit the scope of the claimed invention in any way.

Instrumental Analysis

Infrared spectra are recorded on a Perkin Elmer 781 spectrometer.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra are recorded on a Varian 400 MHz spectrometer at ambient temperature. Data are reported as follows: chemical shift in ppm from internal standard tetramethylsilane on the  $\delta$  scale, multiplicity ( $b$  = broad,  $s$  = singlet,  $d$  = doublet,  $t$  = triplet,  $q$  = quartet,  $qn$  = quintet and  $m$  = multiplet), integration, coupling constant (Hz) and assignment.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR are recorded on a Varian 400 MHz spectrometer at ambient temperature. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm from tetramethylsilane on the  $\delta$  scale, with the solvent resonance employed as the internal standard ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , at 77.0 ppm and  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ , at 39.5 ppm). Combustion analyses are performed by Eli Lilly & Company Microanalytical Laboratory. High resolution mass spectra are obtained on VG ZAB 3F or VG 70 SE spectrometers. Analytical thin layer chromatography is performed on EM Reagent 0.25 mm silica gel 60-F plates. Visualization is accomplished with UV light.

#### Preparation 1

##### (5-Hydroxy-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester



#### Step A

5-benzyloxyindole (10.0 g, 44.79 mmol) is dissolved into anhydrous DMF (100 mL) and cooled to 0°C in an ice water bath. Sodium hydride (2.6 g, 67.18 mmol) is dissolved into anhydrous DMF (100 mL), then slowly added to the indole solution using an addition funnel. The reaction is allowed to stir at 0°C for 1h., then the ice bath is removed and the solution is allowed to warm slowly to room temperature. The solution is then cooled back down to 0°C and ethyl bromoacetate (11.2 g, 67.18 mmol) is then added in one

portion. The reaction is allowed to stir at 0°C for 1h., then the ice bath is removed and the solution is allowed to warm slowly to room temperature. Upon completion, the reaction is quenched carefully using water, then diluted 5 with EtOAc (300 mL). Brine (100 mL) is added and the two layers are separated in a separatory funnel. The organic layer is rinsed with water (2 X 75 mL) and then dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. The organic layer is then concentrated and purified using flash column chromatography 10 (5% EtOAc/Hexanes) to yield 11.86 g (86%) of (5-Benzylxy-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester.

Step B

(5-Benzylxy-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester (3.49 g, 15 11.31 mmol) is dissolved in EtOH (50 mL) and glacial acetic acid is added (2.0 mL). Palladium on carbon (20% by wt., 0.700 g) is then added to the homogenous solution, and a hydrogen filled balloon is connected to the round bottom flask. A vacuum is created within the flask until the 20 ethanol began to bubble, and the hydrogen allowed to enter the flask; this procedure is repeated three times, then the reaction is left to stir at room temperature overnight. Upon completion, the reaction is diluted with DCM (200 mL), and water (100 mL) is added. The mixture is filtered 25 through a celite plug and the two phases are separated. The organic layer is washed with brine (2 X 75 mL), then dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, and concentrated to yield the title compound (2.42 g) in 98% yield. The residual acetic acid is removed by flash column chromatography.

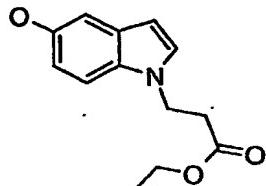
30 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 1.18 (t, J = 7.34 Hz, 3H), 4.12 (q, J = 6.85 Hz, 2H), 4.99 (s, 2H), 5.73 (s, 1H), 6.23 (d, J = 2.94 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 1.96 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 8.80 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, J = 2.45 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.80 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d, J = 2.94 Hz, 2H); MS (ES, m/z): C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>: 220.21(M<sup>+</sup>1), 35 218.7(M<sup>-1</sup>).

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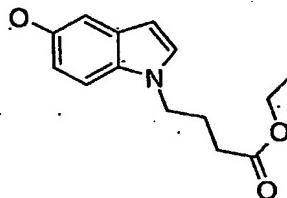
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The following compounds are prepared in a manner substantially similar to that used to prepare the compound of preparation 1.

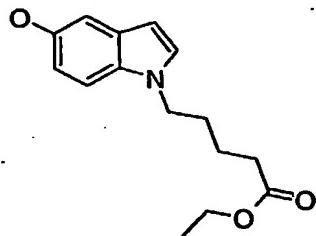
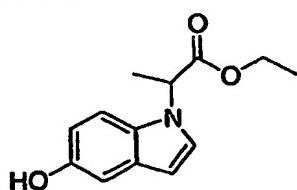
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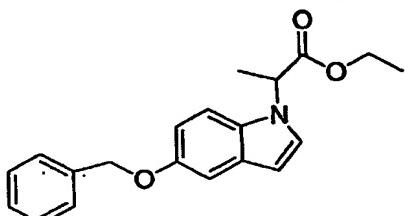
**Preparation 2**3-(5-Hydroxy-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid ethyl ester

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**Preparation 3**4-(5-Hydroxy-indol-1-yl)-butyric acid ethyl ester

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**Preparation 4**5-(5-Hydroxy-indol-1-yl)-pentanoic acid ethyl ester2-(5-Hydroxy-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid ethyl ester

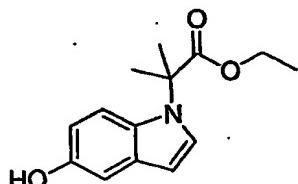
**Step A**2-(5-Benzylxy-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid ethyl ester

To a mixture of NaH (60%, 4.92 g, 0.205 mol) in DMF (60 mL)  
 5 is added 5-benzoxyindole at 0~5 °C, then stirred 30 min.  
 ethyl 2-bromopropionate is added dropwise, the mixture is  
 allowed to warm to room temperature and heated at 70 °C  
 overnight, cooled to room temperature, diluted with ethyl  
 acetate, washed with water and brine, dried over sodium  
 10 sulfate. Concentration and column chromatography on silica  
 gel eluted with hexanes and ethyl acetate yields the title  
 compound (29 g).

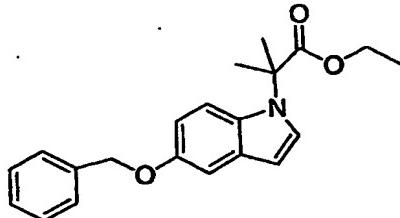
**Step B**2-(5-Hydroxy-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid ethyl ester

15 A mixture of 2-(5-Benzylxy-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid ethyl  
 ester (16g) and Pd/C (5%, 1.93g) in ethanol (190 mL) is  
 stirred under 60 PSI of hydrogen overnight. Filtration and  
 concentration yields the title compound.

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**Preparation 6**2-(5-Hydroxy-indol-1-yl)-2-methyl-propionic acid ethyl ester**Step A**

25 2-(5-Benzylxy-indol-1-yl)-2-methyl-propionic acid ethyl  
 ester



To a solution of 2-(5-benzyloxy-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid ethyl ester (20 g, 61.5 mmol) in THF (180 mL) is added LDA (2.0 M toluene, 37 mL) dropwise at -78 °C. After the addition of LDA, the mixture is stirred for 30 min, then methyl iodide (8.77 g, 122.6 mmol) is added. The reaction mixture is allowed to warm to room temperature, after stirred for 2 hrs, quenched by water, extracted with ethyl acetate, dried over sodium sulfate. Concentration yields the title compound.

#### Step B

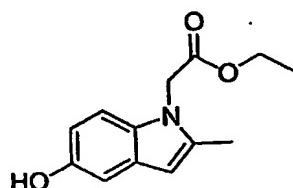
##### 2-(5-Hydroxy-indol-1-yl)-2-methyl-propionic acid ethyl ester

A mixture of 2-(5-benzyloxy-indol-1-yl)-2-methyl-propionic acid ethyl ester (15.6g) and Pd/C (5%, 1.93g) in ethanol (190 mL) is stirred under 60 PSI of hydrogen overnight. Filtration and concentration yields the title compound (11 g).

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#### Preparation 7

##### (5-Hydroxy-2-methyl-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester



#### Step A

##### (5-Methoxy-2-methyl-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester

To a solution of 2-methyl-5-methoxylindole (5.10g, 31.6 mmol) in DMF (200 mL) is added sodium hydride (60%, 1.9 g, 47.4 mmol) at 0~5 °C, stirred for 30 min, ethyl 2-

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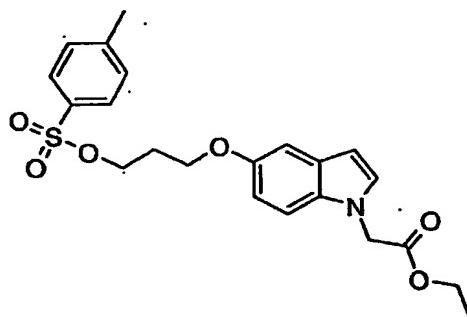
bromoacetate (8.35 g, 50 mmol) is added. After 2 hr at room temperature, the reaction is quenched by water, extracted with ether. Combined organic layers are washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate. Concentration yields 5 the crude title product, which is used for next step without further purification.

**Step B**(5-hydroxy-2-methyl-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester

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To a solution of (5-methoxy-2-methyl-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester (0.87 g, 3.51 mmol) in methylene chloride (25 mL) is added BBr<sub>3</sub> (1.0 mL, 10.5 mmol) at -20 °C. After stirred at -20°C for 2 hrs, the reaction mixture is poured 15 into ice, extracted with methylene chloride, dried over sodium sulfate. Concentration yields the crude title compound, which is used for next step without further purification.

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**Preparation 8**{5-[3-(Toluene-4-sulfonyloxy)-propoxy-indol-1-yl]-acetic acid ethyl ester}

25 [5-(3-Hydroxy-propoxy)-indol-1-yl]-acetic acid ethyl ester (2.0 g, 6.55 mmol) is dissolved into anhydrous dichlormethane (DCM) (35 mL), then dimethylamino pridine (300 mg, 1.965 mmol), tosic anhydride (4.3 g, 13.1 mmol), and pyridine (2.3 mL, 23 mmol) are added. The reaction allowed to stir at room temperature under nitrogen. Upon

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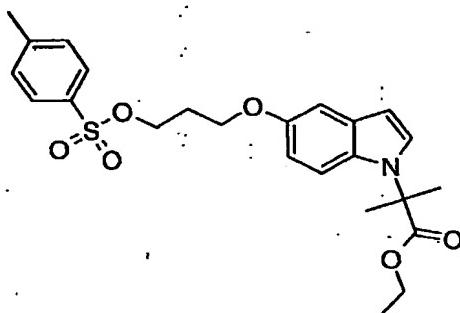
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completion, the reaction is then diluted with DCM (100 mL) and saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (50 mL) is added and the two layers are separated in a separatory funnel. The organic layer is rinsed with water (2 X 75 mL) and brine (2 X 50 mL), then dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. The organic layer is then concentrated and purified using flash column chromatography (5% EtOAc/Hexanes) to yield 1.92 g (64%) of the title compound.

10 The following compounds are prepared in a similar manner:

**Preparation 9**

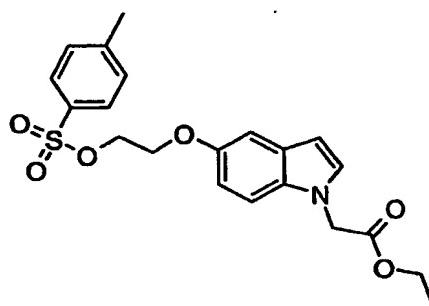
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**Preparation 10**

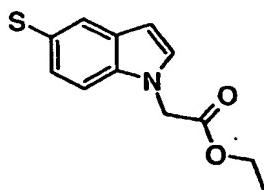
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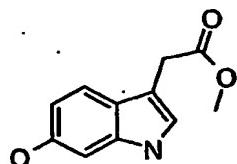
**Preparation 11**

(5-Mercapto-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester

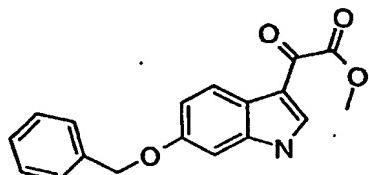
**Step A**

(5-Bromo-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester (2.0 g, 7.09 mmol) is dissolved into anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (THF) (10 mL) and the reaction vessel purged with nitrogen a few times. Tetrakis triphenylphosphine palladium (175 mg, 0.15 mmol) is then added to the indole solution in one portion, purge again. Meanwhile, triisopropylsilylthiol (1.67 mL, 7.8 mmol) is dissolved in anhydrous THF (20 mL) and potassium hydride (0.483 mg, 7.8 mmol) is then slowly added. This mixture is heated to 50°C for 4h. After this solution has cooled to room temperature, it is transferred to the indole solution via cannula. This solution is then heated to 70°C until the reaction is complete. Upon completion, the reaction is quenched carefully using water, then diluted with EtOAc (300 mL). Brine (100 mL) is added and the two layers are separated in a separatory funnel. The organic layer is rinsed with water (2 X 75 mL) and then dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. The organic layer is then concentrated and purified using flash column chromatography (5% EtOAc/Hexanes) to yield 1.3 g (50%) of (5-Triisopropylsilylsulfanyl-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester.

(5-Triisopropylsilylsulfanyl-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester (60 mg, 0.1621 mmol) is dissolved in n-methyl pyrrolidinone (NMP) (5 mL) and cesium fluoride (0.243 mmol) is added. The reaction is allowed to stir at room temperature until complete. This solution may be used in the coupling step (next) without further purification.

**Step A**

(6-Benzyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-oxo-acetic acid methyl ester



- 5 To a solution of 6-benzoxyindole (1.05 g, 4.7 mmol) in ether (8 mL) is added oxayl chloride (0.45 mL) at 0~5 °C, stirred for 2 hrs. The reaction mixture is cooled to -78 °C, sodium methoxide (25 %w/w in methanol, 2.4 mL) is added, warmed up to room temperature, quenched by water. Solid product is collected by filtration, washed by water and dried under vacuum.

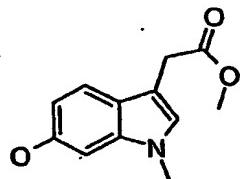
**Step B**

(6-Hydroxy-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid methyl ester

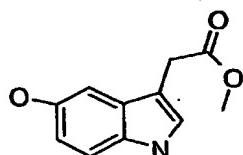
- A mixture of (6-benzyloxy-1H-indol-3-yl)-oxo-acetic acid methyl ester (1.45 g, 4.7 mmol) and Pd/C (10 %, 0.9 g) in dioxane (38 mL) is degassed and filled with nitrogen for three times, then a solution of NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>2</sub> (6 g) in water (5 mL) is added dropwise at 100 °C. The reaction mixture is heated overnight, filtered through celite and concentrated.
- 15 The residue is taken into ethyl acetate, washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate. Concentration and column chromatography on silica gel yields the title compound (600 mg).
- 20 The following compounds are made in a similar manner:
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**Preparation 13**

(6-Hydroxy-1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid methyl ester

**Preparation 14**

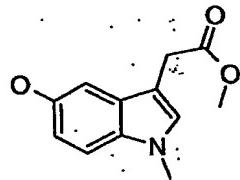
(5-Hydroxy-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid methyl ester



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**Preparation 15**

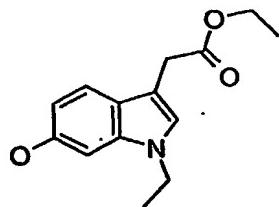
(5-Hydroxy-1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid methyl ester



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**Preparation 16**

(1-Ethyl-6-hydroxy-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester

**Step A**

- 15 To a solution of (6-Benzyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-oxo-acetic acid ethyl ester (3.0 g, 9.7 mmol) in anhydrous dimethyl formamide (50 mL) at 0°C under nitrogen is added sodium hydride (0.600 g, 14.5 mmol) in small portions. The reaction is allowed to warm to room temperature slowly and monitored by TLC. Upon complete conversion, the reaction is cooled back down to 0°C and ethyl bromide (1.5 mL, 20 mmol)
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is slowly added to the slurry. The reaction is allowed to warm slowly to room temperature and monitored by TLC. After complete consumption of the starting material, the reaction is quenched with water, then diluted with ethyl acetate, and the two phases are separated. The organic layer is washed, dried, filtered and concentrated. The crude (6-Benzylxy-1-ethyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-oxo-acetic acid ethyl ester (0.843 g, 2.40 mmol), 25% yield, is further purified using flash column chromatography.

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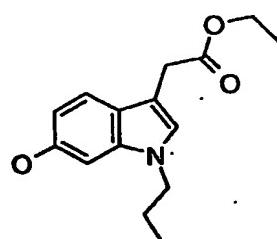
**Step B**

(6-Benzylxy-1-ethyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-oxo-acetic acid ethyl ester (0.843 g, 2.40 mmol) is dissolved in anhydrous dioxane (10 mL) then purged and back filled with nitrogen a few times. Palladium on carbon(10%) (0.200 g, 20% by wt.) is added and the reaction followed by heating to reflux. Slow addition of a saturated solution of sodium hypophosphite is initiated and the reaction is monitored by TLC. After the starting material is completely consumed, the reaction is allowed to cool to room temperature, diluted with dichloromethane and celite added. The mixture is filtered through a plug of celite and the two phases are separated. The organic layer is washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, then concentrated. The residue is further purified using flash column chromatography. The (1-Ethyl-6-hydroxy-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester (0.564 g, 2.28 mmol) is formed in 95% yield.

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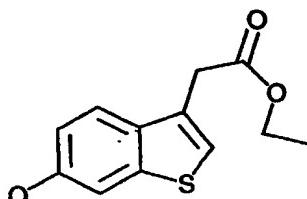
**Preparation 17**

30. (1-propyl-6-hydroxy-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester



**Preparation 18**

(6-Hydroxy-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester

**Step A**

4-(3-Methoxy-phenylsulfanyl)-3-oxo-butyric acid ethyl ester

Ethyl 4-chloroacetoacetate (32.6 g, 0.188 mol), 3-methoxythiophenol (25.1g, 0.179 mol) and DMF (700 mL) are combined and degassed by bubbling nitrogen through the stirred mixture for about 10 min, then potassium carbonate (50g, 0.36 mol) is added to the stirred mixture in one batch. This mixture is stirred under nitrogen at room temperature for 2 h, the mixture is filtered to remove potassium carbonate, then diluted with ethyl acetate. The resulting solution is washed with water, then 5% aq. NaCl. The combined organics are washed with brine, dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . Concentration yields the title compound as yellow liquid. This material is used without purification.

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**Step B**

(6-Methoxy-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester

4-(3-Methoxy-phenylsulfanyl)-3-oxo-butyric acid ethyl ester (10.0 g) is added to pre-cooled methanesulfonic acid (60 mL) at 0~5 °C, then the reaction mixture is allowed to warm to room temperature. After 1 h, the mixture is diluted with ice water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organics are washed with brine, dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , concentrated. Chromatography on silica gel eluted with hexanes and ethyl acetate yields (6-methoxy-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester (4.8 g) and

(4-methoxy-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester  
(0.8 g)

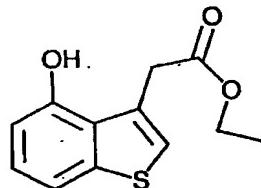
**Step C**

5 (6-hydroxy-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester

To a solution of (6-Methoxy-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester (2.4 g, 9.6 mmol) in methylene chloride (60 mL) is added BBr<sub>3</sub> (1.0 M, heptane, 29.4 mL, 29.4 mmol) at -20 ~ -30 °C. The reaction mixture is allowed to warm to room temperature over 2 hrs, and TLC indicated clean conversion. The reaction is quenched by ice water, extracted with methylene chloride, dried over sodium sulfate, concentrated. Column chromatography on silica gel eluted with hexanes/ethyl acetate yields the title compound (2.2 g).

**Preparation 19**

(4-Hydroxy-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester

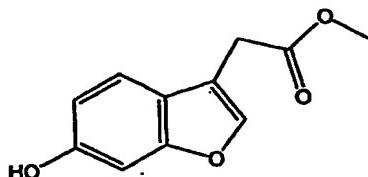


20 To a solution of (4-Methoxy-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester (0.7 g, 2.8 mmol) in methylene chloride (18 mL) is added BBr<sub>3</sub> (1.0 M, heptane, 8.6 mL, 8.6 mmol) at -20 ~ -30 °C. The reaction mixture is allowed to warm to room temperature over 2 hrs, and TLC indicated clean conversion.

25 The reaction is quenched by ice water, extracted with methylene chloride, dried over sodium sulfate, concentrated. Column chromatography on silica gel eluted with hexanes/ethyl acetate yields the title compound (0.4 g).

**Preparation 20**

(6-Hydroxy-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid methyl ester



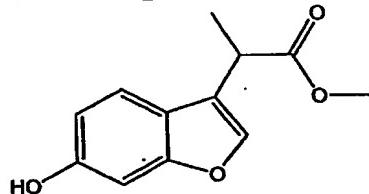
A mixture of 6-hydroxy-(2H)-benzofuran-3-one (5.0 g, 33.3 mmol), methyl (triphenylphosphoranylidene)acetate (25.0 g, 73 mmol), and xylenes (100 mL) is refluxed 6 hr. The reaction is concentrated and diluted with enough 1M aqueous hydrochloric acid to adjust pH to 2-3. The product is extracted into ethyl acetate (3 X 100 mL). The combined extracts are dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated. The residue is purified via silica chromatography eluting with 7:3 hexanes:ethyl acetate to afford the product as an orange oil, 1.3 g, 20%. MS M<sup>+</sup> 207. The structure is confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy.

The following compound is made in a similar manner:

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#### Preparation 21

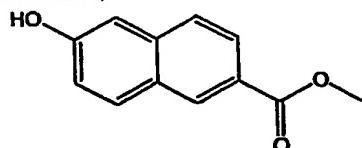
2-(6-Hydroxy-benzofuran-3-yl)-propionic acid methyl ester



An orange oil. MS M<sup>+</sup> 221. The structure is confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy.

#### Preparation 22

6-Hydroxy-naphthalene-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester



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6-Methoxy-naphthalene-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester (0.68g, 3.13 mmol) is stirred in dichloromethane (50 mL) in

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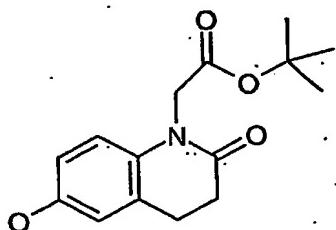
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an ice/water bath. Aluminum trichloride (1.67 g, 12.5 mmol) is added followed by ethane thiol (1.2 mL, 15.7 mmol). The mixture is stirred at room temperature 2 hr. Water (25 mL) is added and the product is extracted into ethyl acetate (2 X 75 mL). The combined extracts are concentrated, and the residue is purified via silica gel chromatography eluting with 8:2 hexanes:ethyl acetate to afford the title compound as a white solid, 0.432 g, 69%. MS M<sup>+</sup> 203. The structure is confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy.

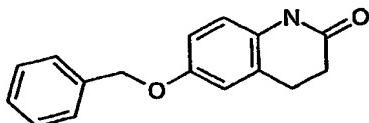
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**Preparation 23**

(6-Hydroxy-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-1-yl)-acetic acid  
tert-butyl ester



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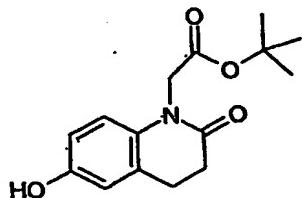
**Step A****6-Benzyl oxy-3,4-dihydro-1H-quinolin-2-one**

A solution of 6-hydroxy-3,4-dihydro-1H-quinolin-2-one (2.93 g, 17.9 mmol) in DMF (20 mL) is treated with K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (4.97 g) and BnBr (4.61 g, 26.9 mmol). The suspension is stirred at room temperature for 4 hours and quenched with water (100 mL). The mixture is extracted with EtOAc (50 mL x2) and the combined organics are dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), concentrated, and purified on silica gel chromatography column with 30-60% EtOAc/Hexanes to yield the title compound (4.40 g, 97%).

**Step B**

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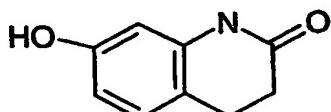
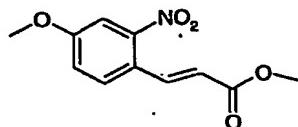
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(6-Hydroxy-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-1-yl)-acetic  
acid tert-butyl ester

A solution of 6-benzyloxy-3,4-dihydro-1H-quinolin-2-one  
5 (4.40 g, 17.4 mmol) in DMF (20 mL) is treated with NaH (1.40  
g, 60%) in portions. Then t-butyl bromoacetate (5.09 g,  
26.1 mmol) is added and the suspension is stirred at room  
temperature for 4 hours and quenched with water (100 mL).  
The mixture is extracted with EtOAc (50 mL x2) and the  
10 combined organics are dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ), concentrated, and  
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EtOAc/Hexanes to obtain the intermediate compound.

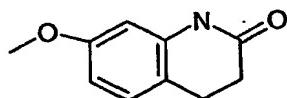
The intermediate is dissolved in EtOH (10 mL) and EtOAc  
(20 mL) and the solution is treated with a slurry of Pd/C  
15 (50 mg). The suspension is stirred under a balloon of  
hydrogen gas for 12 hours. The mixture is then filtered  
through a pad of celite and the filtrate is concentrated to  
afford the title compound (3.20 g, 66%).

**Preparation 24****7-Hydroxy-3,4-dihydro-1H-quinolin-2-one****Step A**

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**3-(4-Methoxy-2-nitro-phenyl)-acrylic acid methyl ester**

A solution of 1-bromo-4-methoxy-2-nitro-benzene (12.56 g, 54.14 mmol) in acetonitrile (100 mL) is treated with 10 Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (1.21 g, 5.41 mmol), and tri-*o*-tolylphosphine (0.823 g, 2.707 mmol), and di-isopropyl ethyl amine (18.8 mL, 108 mmol). The mixture is degassed under vacuum and refilled with argon for three times. It is then heated to 110 °C and stirred for 2 hours. The mixture is then concentrated and purified on silica gel chromatography column with 10-20-30% EtOAc/Hexanes to obtain the title product (8.10 g, 63%).

**step B**

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**7-Methoxy-3,4-dihydro-1H-quinolin-2-one**

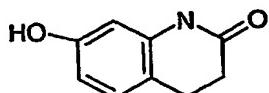
A solution of 3-(4-methoxy-2-nitro-phenyl)-acrylic acid methyl ester (4.00 g, 16.9 mmol) in MeOH (100 mL) and EtOAc 25 (20 mL) is added a slurry of Pd/C (200 mg) in EtOH (20 mL). The suspension is hydrogenated under a pressure of 60 psi for 12 hours. The mixture is then filter through a pad of celite and the filtrate is concentrated and purified on

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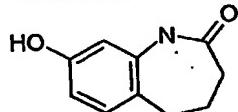
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silica gel chromatography column with 30-40-50% EtOAc/Hexanes to obtain the title product (1.30 g, 43%) and an uncyclized by-product (0.60 g).

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**Step C****7-Hydroxy-3,4-dihydro-1H-quinolin-2-one**

A solution of 7-methoxy-3,4-dihydro-1H-quinolin-2-one (1.30 g, 7.34 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (100 mL) at 0 °C is treated with BBr, (14.7 mL, 1.0 M in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) dropwisely. The mixture is stirred for 48 hours at room temperature and then quenched with water dropwise. The suspension is filtered and the solid is rinsed with MeOH (2 mL) and dried under vacuum to obtain the product (0.90 g, 75%).

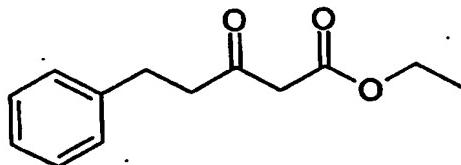
**Preparation 25****8-Hydroxy-1,3,4,5-tetrahydro-benzo[b]azepin-2-one**

A solution of 8-methoxy-1,3,4,5-tetrahydro-benzo[b]azepin-2-one (116 mg, 0.607 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL) at 0 °C is treated with BBr, (1.2 mL, 1.0 M in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) dropwisely. The mixture is stirred for 16 hours at room temperature and then quenched with water dropwise. The suspension is filtered and the solid is rinsed with MeOH (1.0 mL) and dried under vacuum to obtain pure product (95 mg, 89%).

**Preparation 26****3-Oxo-5-phenyl-pentanoic acid ethyl ester**

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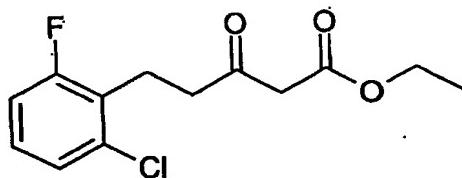


Ethyl acetoacetate (2.32 g, 20 mmol) is added to a pre-cold solution of LDA (2.0 M, 20 mL, 40 mmol) in THF (100 mL) at 0 °C. After addition, the mixture is stirred for 30 min, then 5 benzyl bromide (3.42 g, 20 mmol) is added dropwise. After stirred at 0 °C for 30 min, the reaction is quenched by 5 N HCl, extracted with ethyl ether. The combined organic layers are washed with water and brine until it is neutral. Concentration and column chromatography yields 1.6 g of the 10 title compounds.

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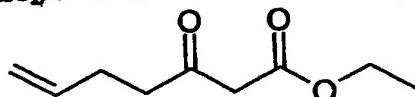
#### **Preparation 27**

15 5-(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenyl)-3-oxo-pentanoic acid ethyl ester



#### **Preparation 28**

3-Oxo-hept-6-enoic acid ethyl ester



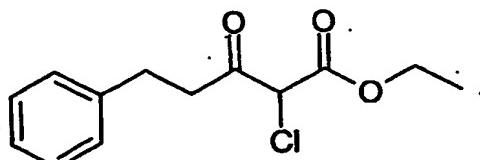
#### **Preparation 29**

2-Chloro-3-Oxo-5-phenyl-pentanoic acid ethyl ester

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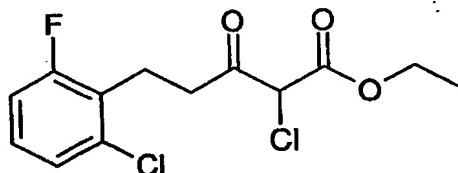
To a solution of 3-oxo-5-phenyl-pentanoic acid ethyl ester (1.6 g, 7.76 mmol) in methylene chloride (18 mL) is added sulfuryl chloride (1.15 g, 8.53 mmol) dropwise. After 5 stirred at room temperature for 6 hours, the reaction mixture is poured into water, extracted with methylene chloride, washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate. Concentration yields the crude title compounds, which is used for the next step without further 10 purification.

The following compounds are made in a similar manner:

#### Preparation 30

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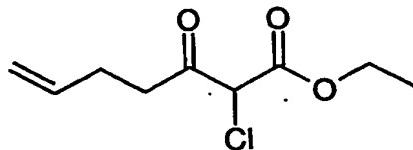
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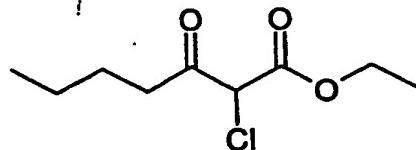
2-Chloro-3-oxo-hept-6-enoic acid ethyl ester

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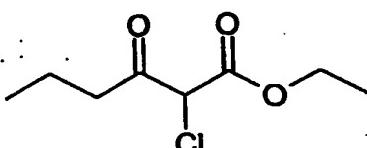
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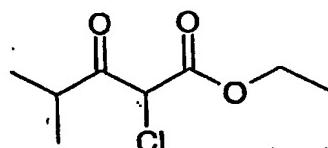


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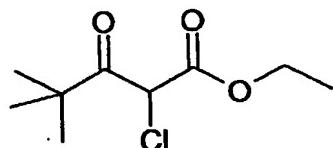
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**Preparation 33**2-Chloro-3-oxo-hexanoic acid ethyl ester

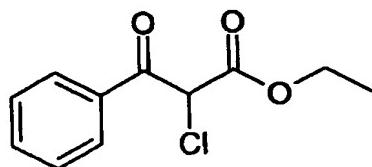
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**Preparation 34**2-Chloro-4-methyl-3-oxo-pentanoic acid ethyl ester

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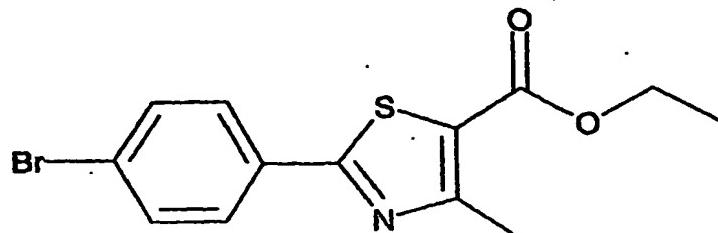
**Preparation 35**2-Chloro-4,4-dimethyl-3-oxo-pentanoic acid ethyl ester

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**Preparation 36**2-Chloro-3-oxo-3-phenyl-propionic acid ethyl ester

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**Preparation 37**2-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazole-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester

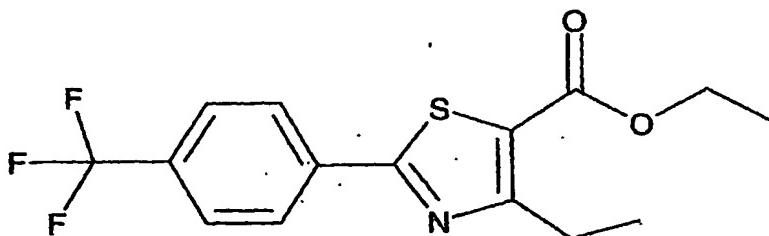


4-Bromo-thiobenzamide(5 g) in toluene is heated at reflux for 1h in a flask equipped with a Dean-Stark trap. The dry 5 4-bromo-thioamide (3.4 g, 15 mmol) and ethyl 2-chloroacetoacetate (2.71 g, 16.4 mmol) are heated in ethanol (1000 mL) for overnight. The cooled reaction is concentrated and purified by short path chromatography. The fractions that contained pure product are concentrated to 10 yield 1.5g (30.6%) ester as a solid.

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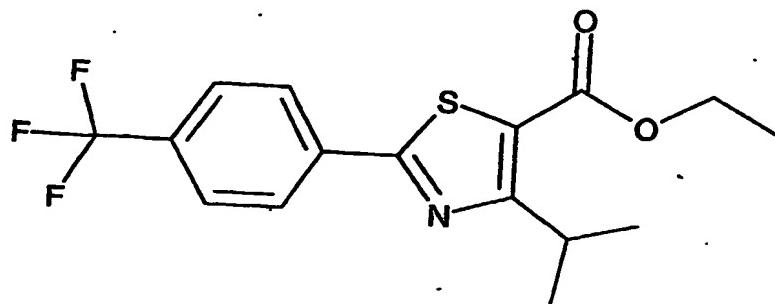
#### Preparation 38

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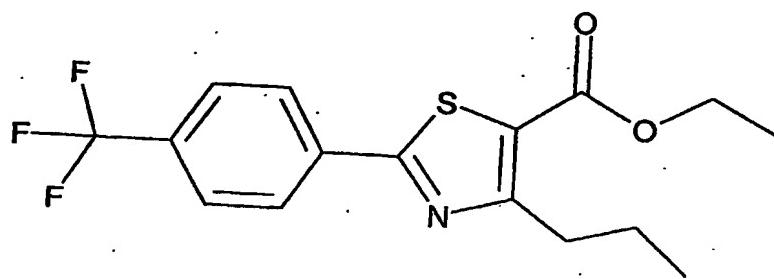


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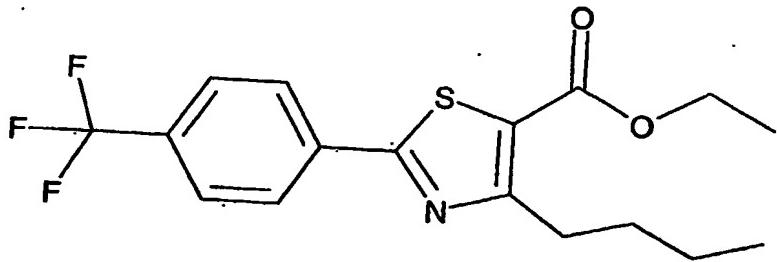
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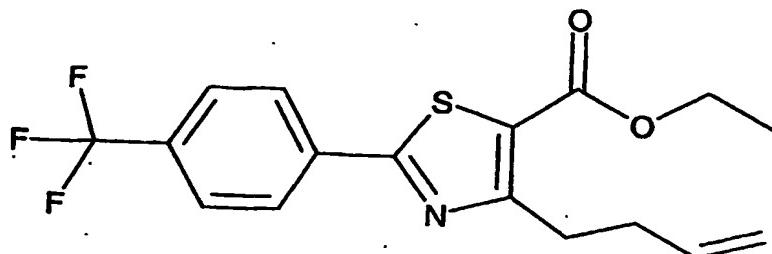
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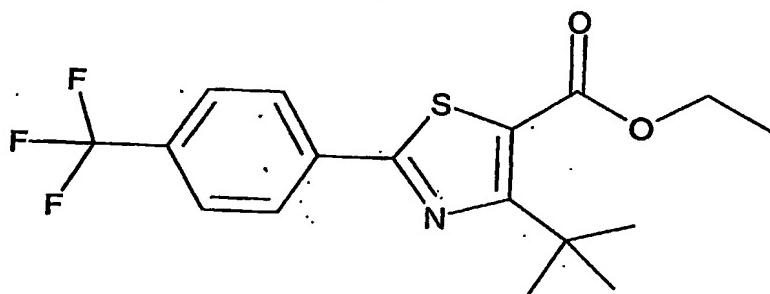
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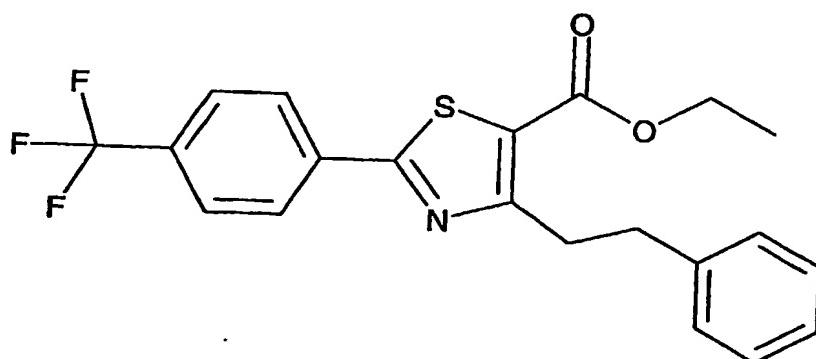
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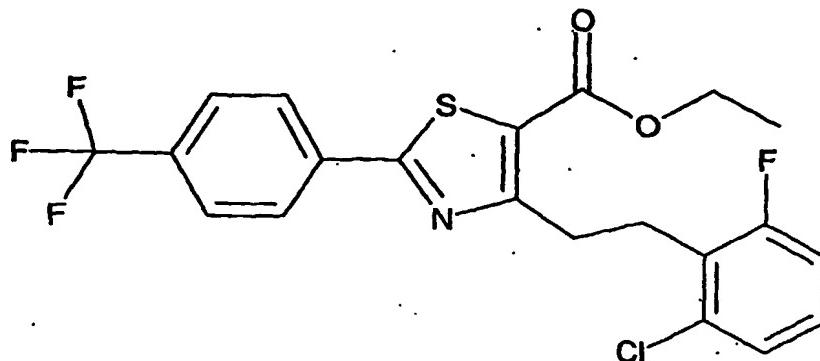
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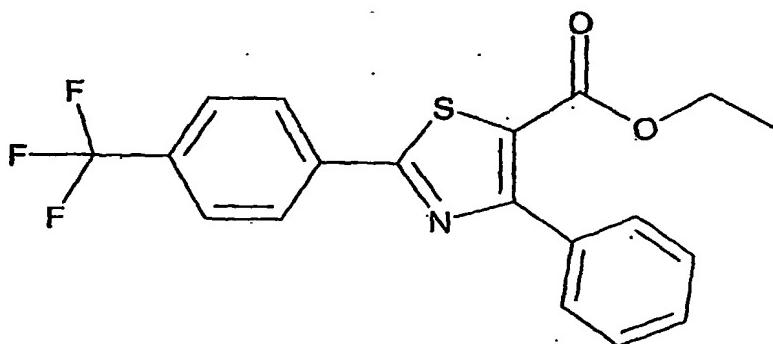
**Preparation 45**

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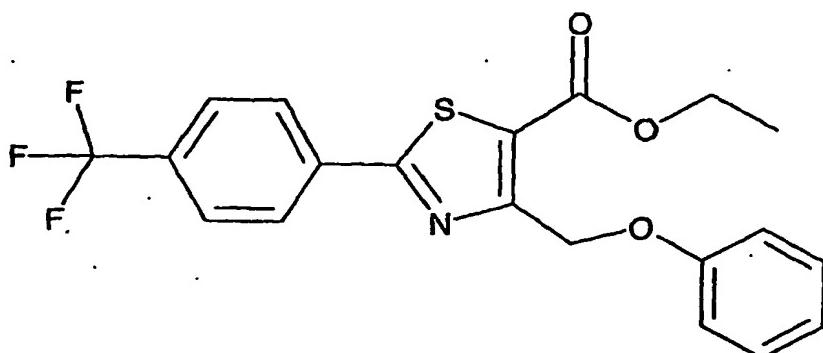
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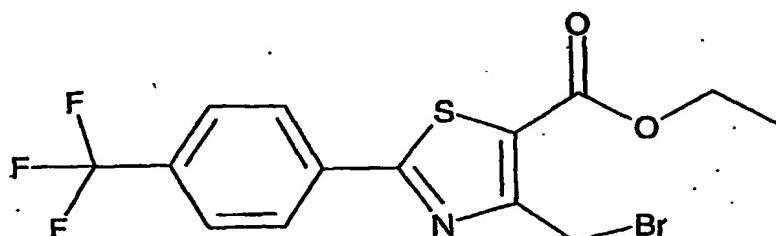
**Preparation 47**

4-Phenoxyethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazole-5-  
carboxylic acid ethyl ester

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**Step A**

4-Bromomethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazole-5-  
carboxylic acid ethyl ester



5     4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazole-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (1.6 g, 5.00 mmol) is dissolved into chloroform (50 mL) then N-bromosuccinimide (1.0 g, 5.5 mmol) and 2,2'-azobisisobutyronitrile (0.412 g, 2.5 mmol) are added and the reaction is heated to reflux. The reaction is monitored by TLC until no starting material remained. The reaction is allowed to cool to room temperature, then diluted with more chloroform (100 mL). Water (50 mL) is added and the two phases are separated. The organic layer is washed with brine, then dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. The material is then concentrated and further purified using flash column chromatography to yield 1.97 g or 99% yield.

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**Step B**

4-Phenoxyethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazole-5-  
carboxylic acid ethyl ester

25     Phenol (0.518 g, 5.5 mmol) is combined with anhydrous acetonitrile (20 mL) and cesium carbonate (2.3 g, 10 mmol) and allowed to stir at room temperature under nitrogen. To the reaction is added 4-bromomethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazole-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (1.97 g, 5.00 mmol). The reaction is monitored by TLC until all of the bromide is consumed. The reaction is diluted with ethyl ether (100 mL), then 0.1N NaOH (50 mL) is added. The two phases are separated, then the organic layer is washed with

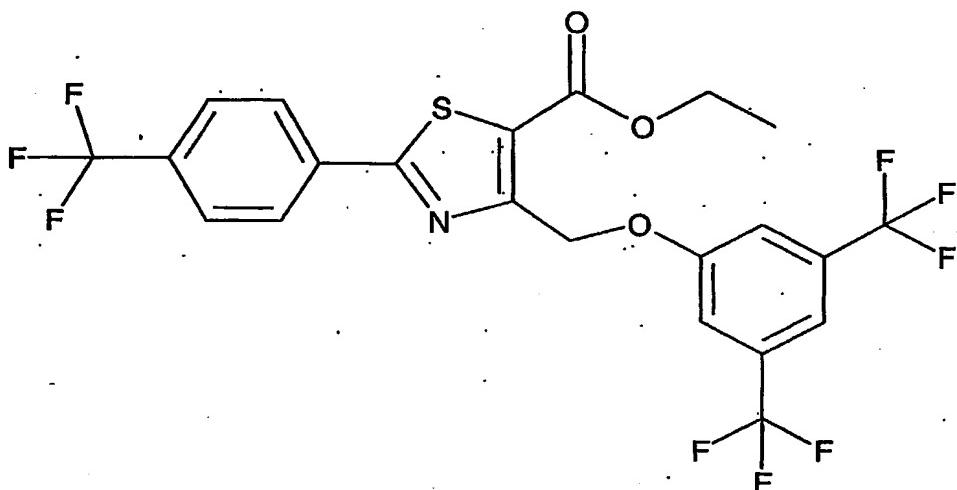
water (50 mL) and brine (50 mL). The organic layer is dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, then concentrated. The material is further purified using flash chromatography to yield 1.75 g or 86% yield of the product.

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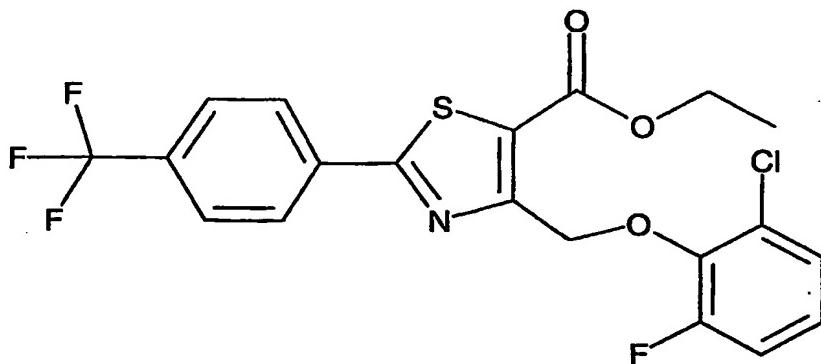
10      4-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy methyl)-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazole-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester



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**Preparation 49**

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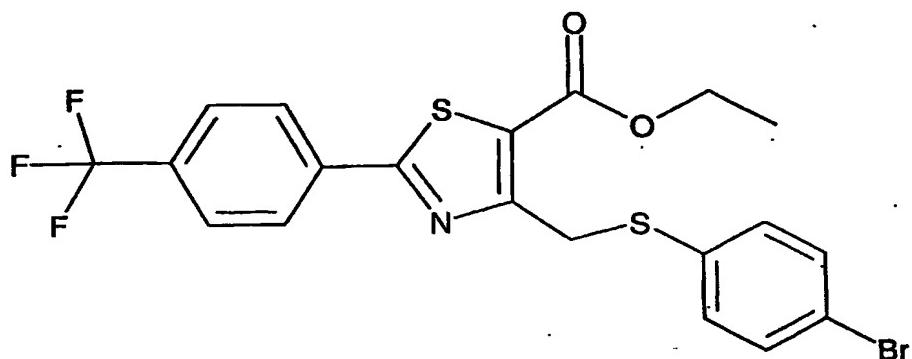
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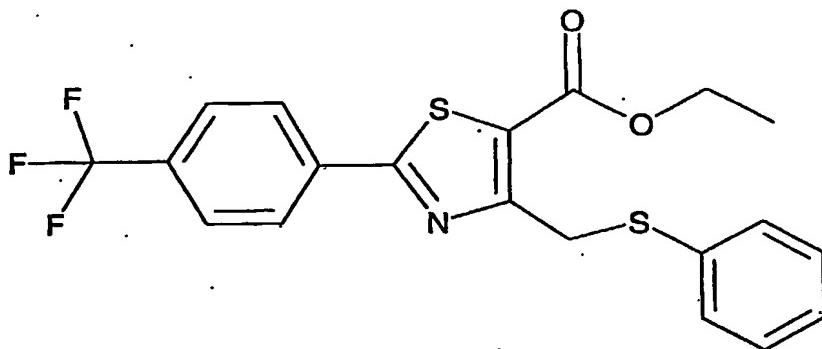
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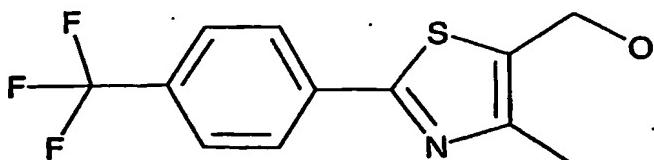
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**Preparation 51**

10 4-Phenylsulfanyl-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazole-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester

**Preparation 52**

15 [4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-methanol



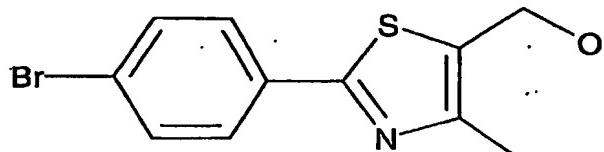
A THF (60 mL) solution of 4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazole-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (14.9g, 47.3 mmol) is cooled to 0 °C and a 1M LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (47.3mL, 47.3 mmol) is added slowly. The reaction is warmed to room temperature 5 slowly, after stirring at room temperature for 2 h, tlc (15% EtOAc/hexane) showed that all the starting ester had been consumed. The reaction is cooled and carefully quenched with 2.4 mL water, 2.4 mL 5N NaOH and 7 mL water. The light tan solid is filter through celite and dried to give 7.70 g 10 crude product. Recrystallization from methanol yields pure alcohol.

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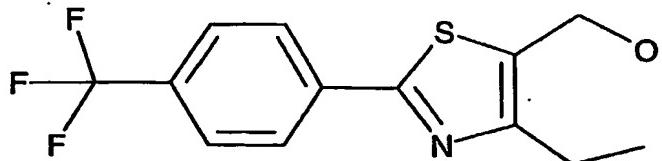
#### Preparation 53

[4-Methyl-2-(4-bromo-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-methanol



#### Preparation 54

20 [4-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-methanol

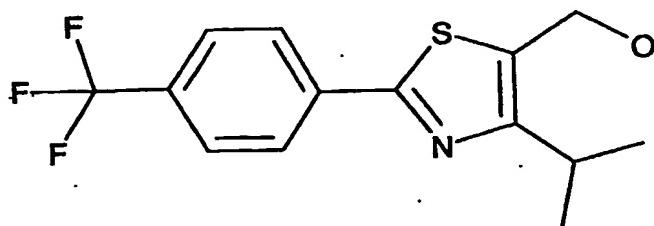


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25 [4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-methanol

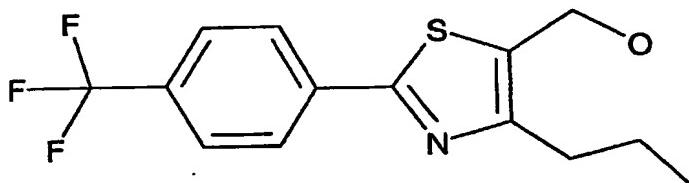
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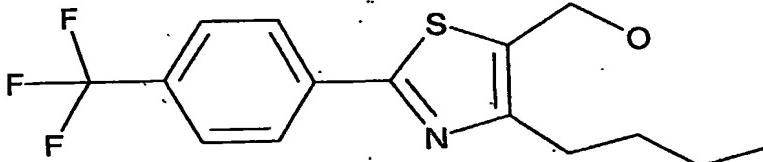
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methanol

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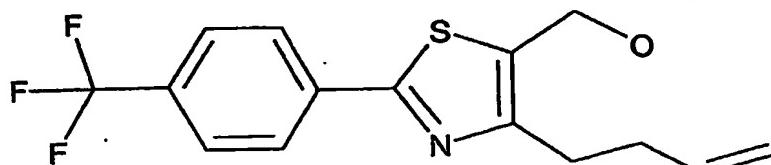
[4-Butyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-methanol



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**Preparation 58**

[4-But-3-enyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-  
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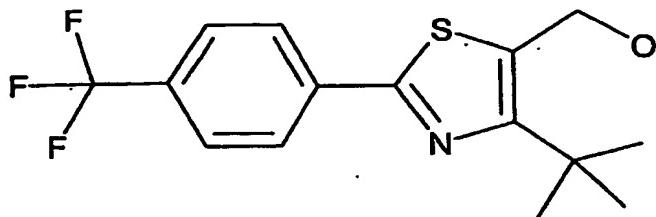
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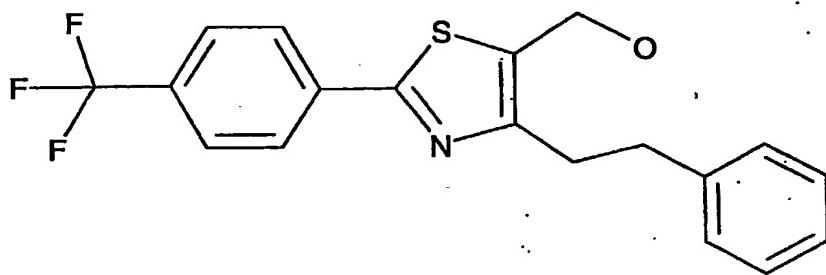
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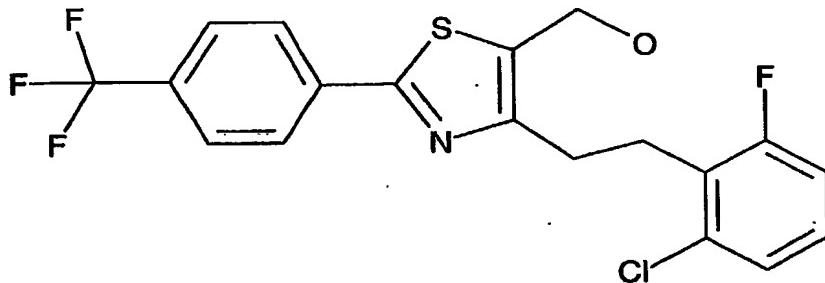
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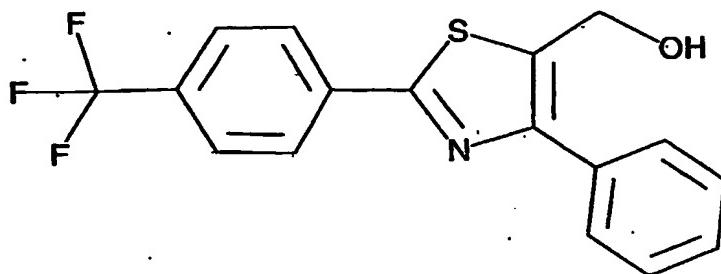
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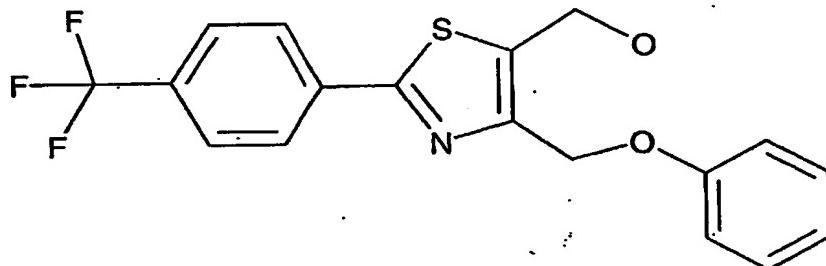
[4-Phenethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-  
methanol

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**Preparation 63**

[4-Phenoxymethy1-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-  
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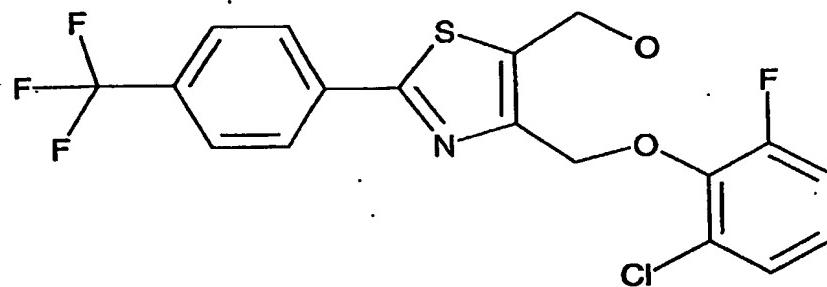
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**Preparation 64**

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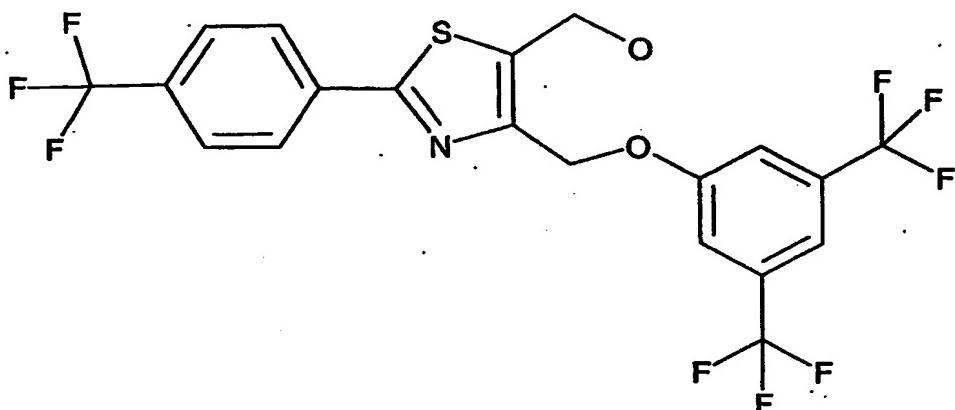
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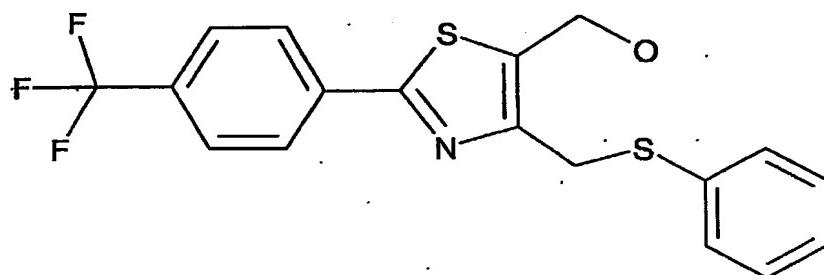
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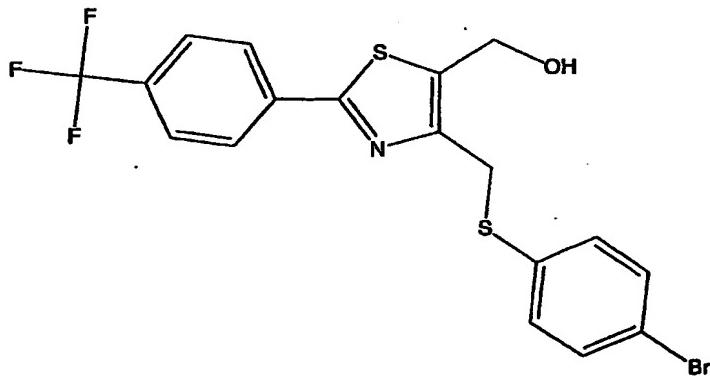
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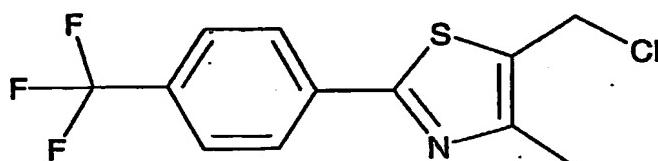
[4-(4-Bromo-phenylsulfanyl-methyl)-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-  
phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-methanol

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**Preparation 68**

**5-Chloromethyl-4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazole**



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A solution of [4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-methanol (1.03 g, 3.75 mmol) and triethyl amine (1.05 mL, 7.5 mmol) in methylene chloride (15 mL) is cooled to 0 °C, then  $\text{MeSO}_2\text{Cl}$  is added dropwise. After 2 hrs, TLC indicated that the reaction is not complete, 10 mol % more of triethyl amine and  $\text{MeSO}_2\text{Cl}$  are added. After additional 2 hrs, the reaction mixture is diluted with methylene chloride and washed with sodium bicarbonate, water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate. Concentration yields the crude title compound, which is used for the next step without further purification.

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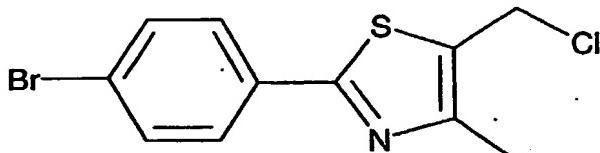
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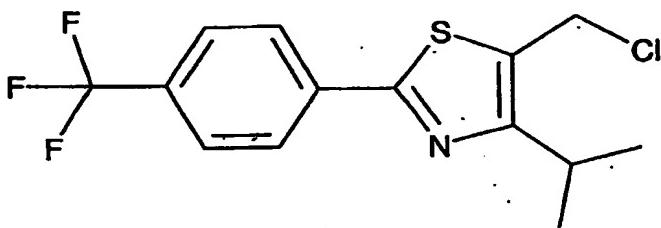
**5-Chloromethyl-4-methyl-2-(4-bromophenyl)-thiazole**



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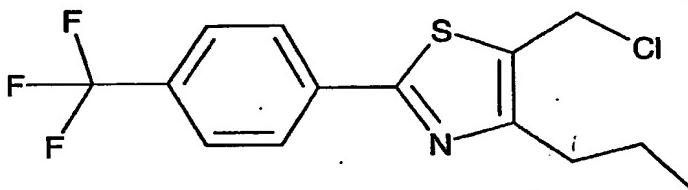
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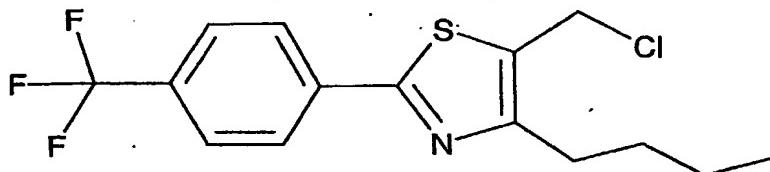
**Preparation 71**

5-Chloromethyl-4-propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-  
thiazole

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**Preparation 72**

5-Chloromethyl-4-butyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazole

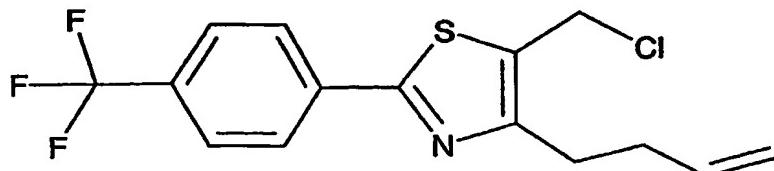


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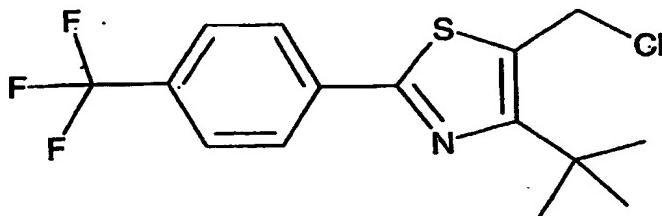
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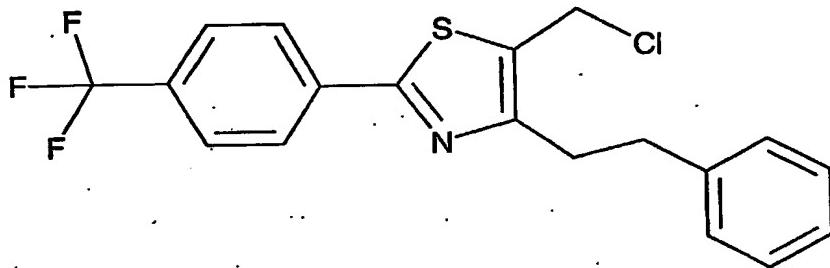
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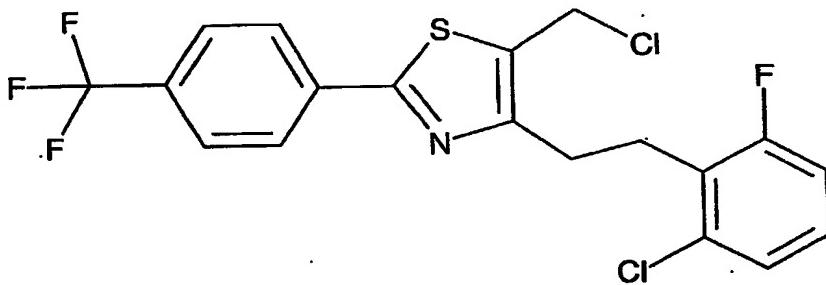
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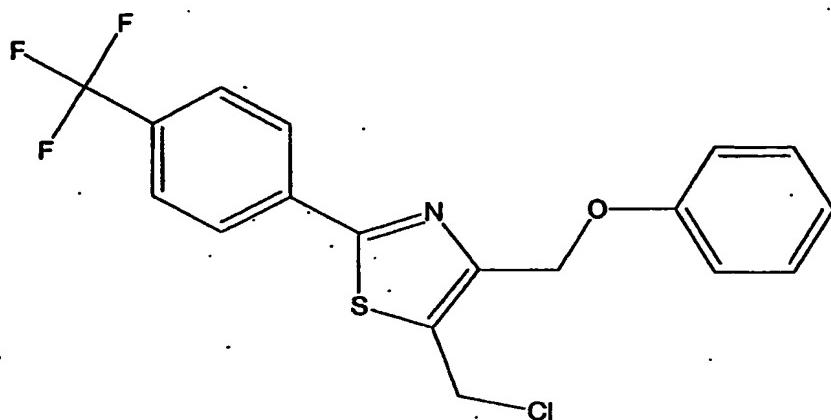
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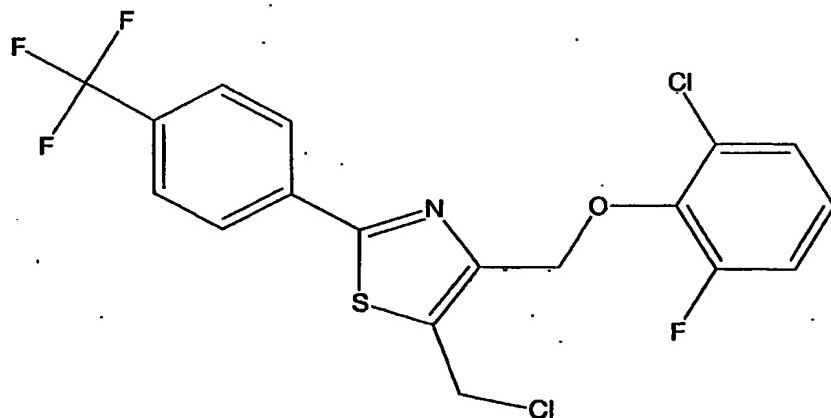
**Preparation 77**

5-Chloromethyl-4-phenoxyethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-  
phenyl)-thiazole

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**Preparation 78**

5     4-(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenoxy-methyl)-5-chloromethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazole



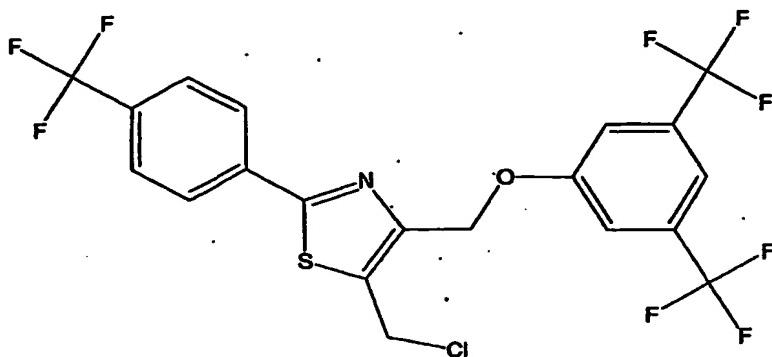
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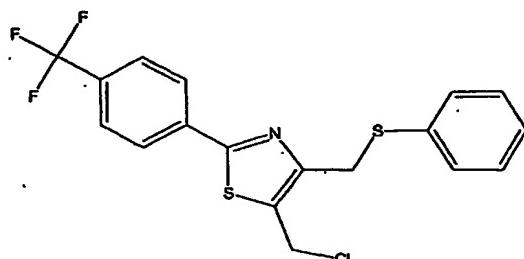
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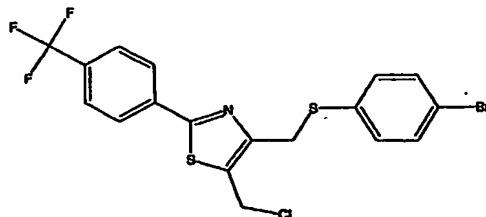
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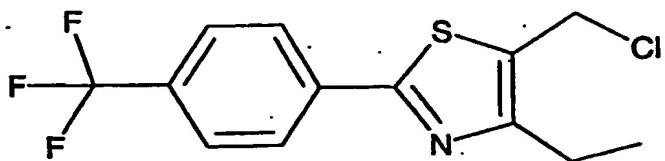
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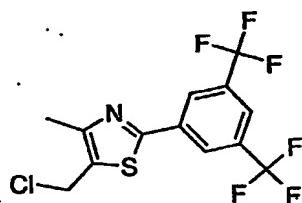
**Preparation 82**

5-Chloromethyl-4-ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazole

**Preparation 83**

2-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-5-chloromethyl-4-methyl-thiazole

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**Step A**

To a solution of 2-Bromo-4-methyl-thiazole-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester (0.850 g, 3.39 mmol) in toluene:ethanol (1:1) 10 (30 mL) at room temperature under nitrogen is added 3,5-bistrifluoromethylbenzene boronic acid (1.0 g, 3.74 mmol). The reaction is purged of air and flushed with nitrogen a few times, followed by addition of tetrakis triphenylphosphine palladium (0.200 g, 0.17 mmol) and sodium 15 carbonate (2.7 mL, 2.5M soln., 6.8 mmol). The reaction is purged again, then heated to reflux under nitrogen and monitored by TLC. After complete consumption of the starting material, the reaction is allowed to cool to room temperature, then diluted with ethyl acetate, celite added, 20 filtered, and the two phases are separated. The organic layer is washed, dried, filtered and concentrated. The crude 2-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazole-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester (0.545 g, 1.42 mmol), 42% yield, is further purified using flash column 25 chromatography.

**Step B**

2-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazole-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester (0.545 g, 1.42 mmol), is dissolved in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (6 mL) and cooled to

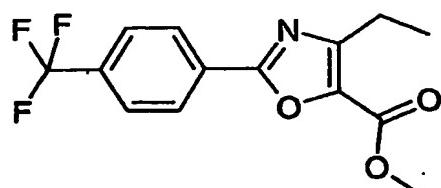
0°C with stirring under nitrogen. Lithium aluminumhydride, 1.0M in THF, (1.40 mL, 1.40 mmol) is added and the reaction is monitored by TLC. After the starting material is completely consumed, the reaction is quenched with water, 5 base, more water, and celite added, followed by dilution with ether. The mixture is filtered through a plug of celite and the two phases are separated. The organic layer is washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, then concentrated. The residue is further purified using 10 flash column chromatography. The [2-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-5-yl]-methanol (0.460 g, 1.35 mmol) is formed in 95% yield.

#### Step C

15 [2-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-5-yl]-methanol (0.460 g, 1.35 mmol), is dissolved in anhydrous dichloromethane (6 mL) and cooled to 0°C with stirring under nitrogen. Triethyl amine (0.350 mL, 2.60 mmol) and methane sulfonyl chloride (0.200 mL, 2.0 mmol) are added and the reaction is monitored by TLC. After the starting material 20 is completely consumed, the reaction is diluted with dichloromethane and extracted against saturated sodium bicarbonate solution. The two phases are separated and the organic layer is washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, then concentrated. The residue is further 25 purified using flash column chromatography. The 2-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-5-chloromethyl-4-methyl-thiazole is formed quantitatively and used without further purification.

#### Preparation 84

30 4-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazole-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester



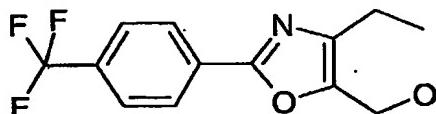
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To a solution of 4-trifluoromethyl benzoic acid (0.100g, 0.239 mmole) in methanol (2.0 mL), is added sodium hydroxide (0.093g, 0.287 mmole) and stirred at room temperature for 2 hours. The mixture is concentrated to dryness in vacuo to give sodium 4-trifluoromethyl-benzoate as a white solid. It is then mixed with NH<sub>4</sub>OAc (8.32g, 107.9 mmole) in glacial acetic acid (500mL) and heated at 100°C for 16 hours. After removed the solvents on rota-vapor, the residue is partitioned between ethyl acetate (300 mL) and saturated sodium bicarbonate (300 mL). Extracted the aqueous layer with ethyl acetate (300 mL) one more time. The combined organic is wash with brine (3 x 500 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product is purified by chromatography on silica gel column, gradient elute with 0 to 10% ethyl acetate in hexane and concentrated to provide the titled compound as a white solid. Mass [EI+] 300 (M<sup>+</sup>+H).

#### Preparation 85

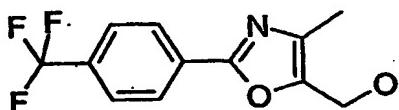
[4-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-methanol



To a solution of 4-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazole-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester (4.63g, 15.47mmole) in THF (100 mL), is added LiBH<sub>4</sub> in one portion at 0°C. The reaction is warmed up to room temperature and stirred for an hour. Additional LiBH<sub>4</sub> is added and the reaction is heated at 60°C for 30 minutes. The excess amount of LiBH<sub>4</sub> is destroyed using 6N HCl (50 mL) dropwise at 0 °C. The mixture is partitioned between ethyl acetate (300 mL) and brine (300 mL). The organic layer is washed with brine (3x300 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. The crude product is purified by flash chromatography, eluting with 60% ethyl acetate in hexane and concentrated to provide the titled compound as a white solid. Mass [EI+] 272 (M<sup>+</sup>H).

**Preparation 86**

[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-methanol

**Step 1**

5      2-(4-tert-Butyl-benzoylamino)-propionic acid methyl ester  
 D,L Alanine methyl ester (18.5 g, 132 mmol), triethylamine  
 (42 mL, 300 mmol) and dichloromethane (300 mL) are stirred  
 in an ice/water bath. 4-(Trifluoromethyl)benzoyl chloride  
 10     (25 g, 120 mmol) is added dropwise and the resulting mixture  
 is allowed to stir for 20 hr at room temperature. 500 mL  
 water and 100 mL 1M hydrochloric acid are successively  
 added. The organic layer is separated, washed with 250 mL  
 each of saturated sodium hydrogen carbonate, water, and  
 15     brine, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered, and  
 concentrated to 100 mL volume. The mixture is diluted with  
 200 mL hexanes, cooled to 0°C for 1 hr, and the white solid  
 filtered and dried under vacuum to afford 2-(4-tert-Butyl-  
 benzoylamino)-propionic acid methyl ester, 26.5 g, 80%. MS  
 20     (ES): 276 ( $M^+ + 1$ ).

**Step 2**

2-(4-tert-Butyl-benzoylamino)-propionic acid

A mixture of 2-(4-tert-Butyl-benzoylamino)-propionic acid  
 25     methyl ester (26.3 g, 95.6 mmol), 200 mL 1M sodium  
 hydroxide, and 100 mL tetrahydrofuran is stirred at room  
 temperature 20 hr. The resulting clear solution is cooled  
 on an ice/water bath and the pH is adjusted to 2 with  
 concentrated hydrochloric acid. The product is extracted  
 30     with three 250 mL portions of ethyl acetate. The combined  
 extracts are washed with 100 mL each of water and brine,  
 dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered, and  
 concentrated to afford 2-(4-tert-Butyl-benzoylamino)-  
 propionic acid as a white solid, 24.6 g, 95%. MS  $M^+ + 1$  260.

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**Step 3**

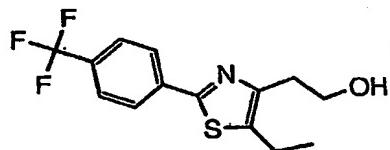
[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-methanol  
To a solution of 2-(4-Trifluoromethyl-benzoylamino)-

5 propionic acid (33.4 g, 128 mmol) is added oxalyl chloride (111 mL, 1.27 Mol) and 1 drop of DMF and the solution stirred overnight. The volatiles are removed in vacuo and toluene (20 mL) is added. The toluene is then removed in vacuo. To the resultant crude oil is dissolve in 50 mL 10 methylene chloride, cooled to 0 °C and triethylamine (27 mL, 192 mmol) is added followed by methanol (50 mL). After 3 hrs the volatiles are removed in vacuo and the crude oil is purified by flash column chromatography (20%-50% ethyl acetate / hexanes) to provide 12.6 g (35%) of 4-Methyl-2-(4-15 trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazole-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester. This ester (2.0 g, 7.0 mmol) is reduced to the alcohol by dissolution in THF (50 mL) and adding 4 eq. LiBH<sub>4</sub> (0.610 g, 28.0 mmol) to provide 1.8 g (100%) [4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-methanol. MS M<sup>+</sup> 258.

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**Preparation 87**

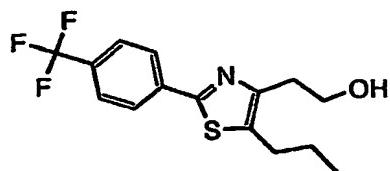
2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-ethanol



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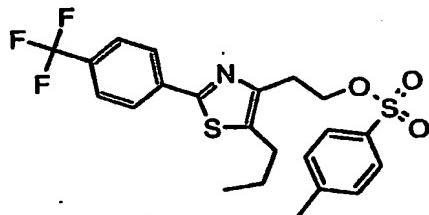
**Preparation 88**

2-[5-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-ethanol



**Preparation 89**

Toluene-4-sulfonic acid 2-[5-propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-ethyl ester



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**Step A**

3-Oxo-heptanoic acid methyl ester (25 g, 0.157 Mol) is dissolved into anhydrous dichloromethane (DCM) (200 mL) and then cooled to 0°C-5°C while stirring. A solution of bromine (25.25 g, 0.160 Mol) in DCM (50 mL) is added dropwise over 2h. to the solution of the beta keto-ester. After the addition, the mixture is allowed to stir 0.5h. at 0°C, then the ice bath is removed and the mixture is allowed to stir at room temperature for 18h. TLC will show complete consumption of starting material, then ice water (200 g) is added with stirring. The organic layer is collected and washed with cold water (2X) and brine. The filtered solution is dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, then concentrated to a clear liquid. The crude 4-Bromo-3-oxo-heptanoic acid methyl ester (31.5 g, 0.135 Mol), 86% yield, is used without further purification.

**Step B**

4-Bromo-3-oxo-heptanoic acid methyl ester (6.0 g, 25.0 mmol) is dissolved into denatured ethanol (100 mL) and para-trifluoromethyl thiobenzamide (5.0 g, 24.4 mmol) is added in one portion. The reaction is purged of air and flushed with nitrogen then heated to reflux. The reaction is monitored by TLC and HPLC and when complete, the reaction is allowed to cool to room temperature. The solvent is removed and the reaction is diluted with ethyl acetate (200 mL), followed by washes with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution, water, and brine. The ethyl acetate solution is dried over

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anhydrous sodium sulfate, then concentrated and further purified using flash column chromatography (10% EtOAc/Hexanes) to yield pure [[5-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-acetic acid methyl ester (8.66 g, 24.2 mmol) or 98% yield.

Step C

[[5-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-acetic acid methyl ester (8.66 g, 24.2 mmol) is dissolved into anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (THF) (100 mL) and then cooled to 0°C with stirring. Lithium aluminum hydride (24.2 mL, 1M in THF, 24.2 mmol) is slowly added by syringe and the reaction is monitored by TLC. Upon complete conversion, the reaction is carefully quenched using water, base, and water. Celite is added to the reaction, followed by diethyl ether and the mixture is then filtered through a celite plug. The two phases are then separated and the organic layer is washed using water and brine. The organic layer is then dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated. The pure 2-[5-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-ethanol (5.739 g, 18.2 mmol) is obtained in 75% yield after flash column chromatography.

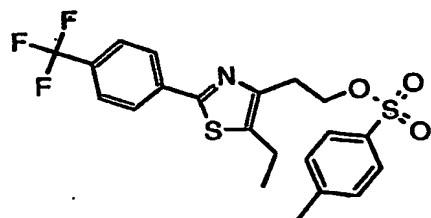
The 2-[5-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-ethanol (5.739 g, 18.2 mmol) is dissolved into anhydrous dichloromethane (DCM) (100 mL) and dimethylamino pyridine (0.670 g, 5.46 mmol), tosic anhydride (11.9 g, 36.4 mmol), and pyridine (5 mL, 64 mmol) are added at room temperature. The reaction is monitored by TLC, and upon complete consumption of the starting alcohol, the reaction is diluted with DCM and extracted against saturated sodium bicarbonate solution. The organic layer is washed with water and brine, then dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated. The pure Toluene-4-sulfonic acid 2-[5-propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-ethyl ester (4.46 g, 9.5 mmol) is obtained after flash column chromatography.

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The following compounds are prepared in a similar manner:

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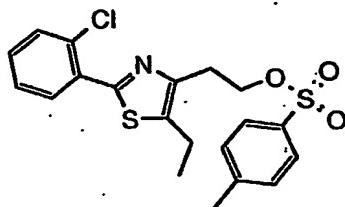
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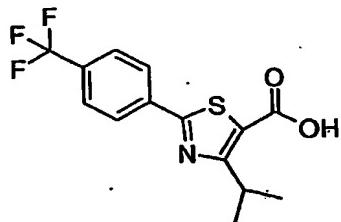
Toluene-4-sulfonic acid 2-[2-(2-chloro-phenyl)-5-ethyl-thiazol-4-yl]-ethyl ester



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**Preparation 92**

4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazole-5-carboxylic acid



- 15 To a solution of 4-isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazole-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (0.62 g, 1.80 mmol) in THF (10 mL) is added 5M NaOH (3.5 mL, 17.50 mmol). The mixture is heated at 70°C for 12 h. Upon cooling to RT, the mixture is acidified with 5M HCl and extracted with EtOAc.
- 20 The organics are washed with water and brine, and dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub>. After concentration, the title compound is obtained

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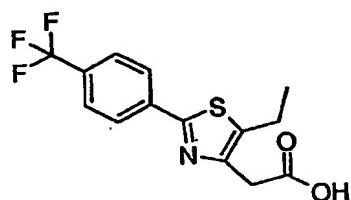
(0.46 g, 81%). The material is used without further purification.

The following compounds are made in a similar manner:

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**Preparation 93**

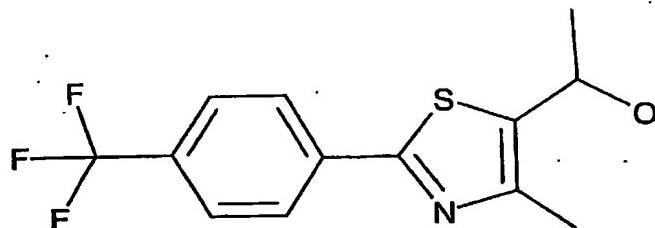
[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-acetic acid



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**Preparation of 94**

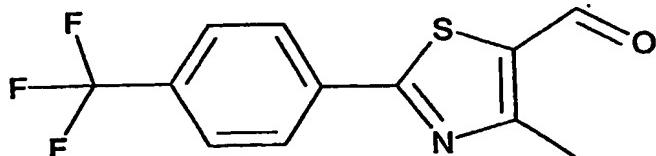
1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethanol



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**Step A**

4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazole-5-carbaldehyde



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A mixture of [4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-methanol (5.0 g, 18.3 mmol) and MnO<sub>2</sub> (2.4 g, 27.5 mmol) in chloroform (110 mL) are heated to reflux for 48

hrs, cooled to room temperature, filtered through celite.  
Concentration yields 5 gram of the title compound.

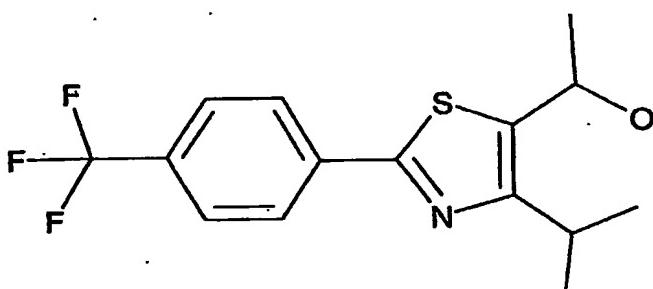
## Step B

5      1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-  
ethanol

To a solution of 4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazole-5-carbaldehyde (1.5 g, 5.53 mmole) in THF (50 mL) at 0°C, is added a solution of methyl magnesium bromide in diethyl ether (3.0M, 2.0 mL, 6.0mmole) dropwise. The reaction is stirred for 5 minutes and then warmed up to room temperature for 2hrs. The reaction is quenched with NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (10 mL), partitioned between ethyl ether (50 mL) and water (50 mL). Extracted the aqueous layer with ethyl ether (2 x 50 mL). The combined organic is washed with brine (3 x 100 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. Column chromatography on silica gel yields 1.35 gram of the title compound.

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## Preparation of 95

1-[4-isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-  
ethanol

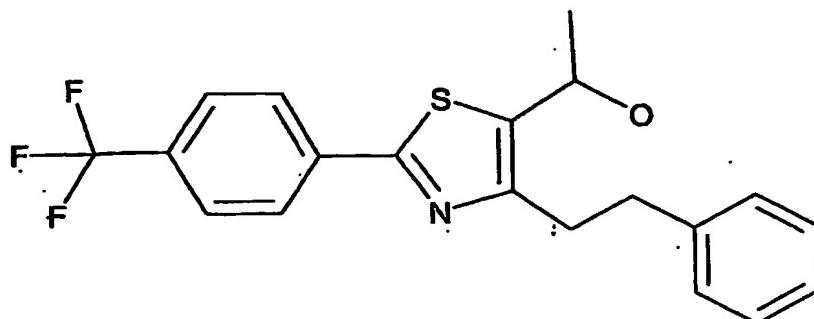
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## Preparation of 96

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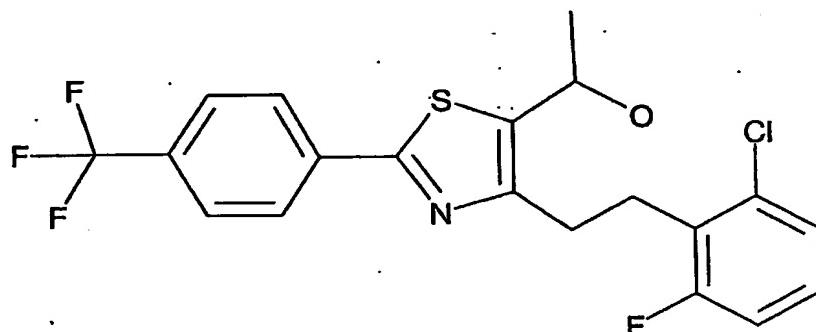
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**Preparation of 97**

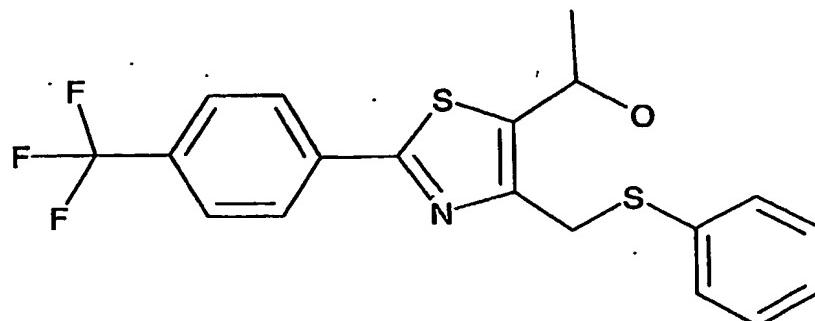
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**1-[4-[(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenyl)-ethyl]-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethanol**

**Preparation of 98**

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**1-[4-Phenylsulfanyl-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethanol**

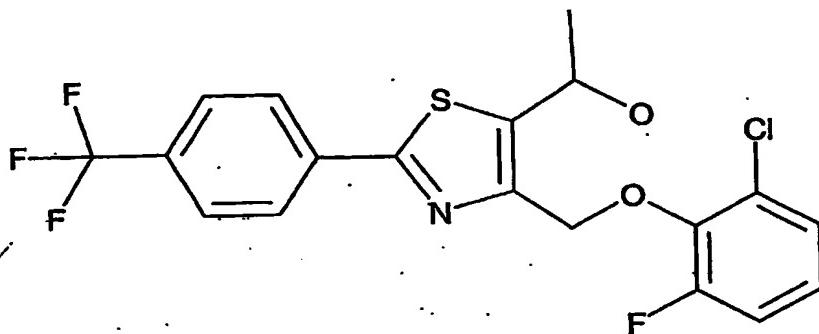


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**Preparation of 99**

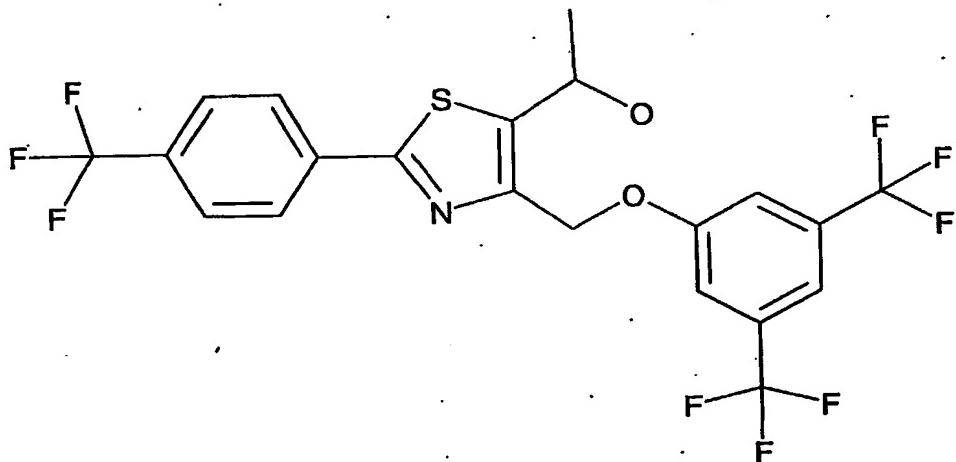
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**Preparation of 100**

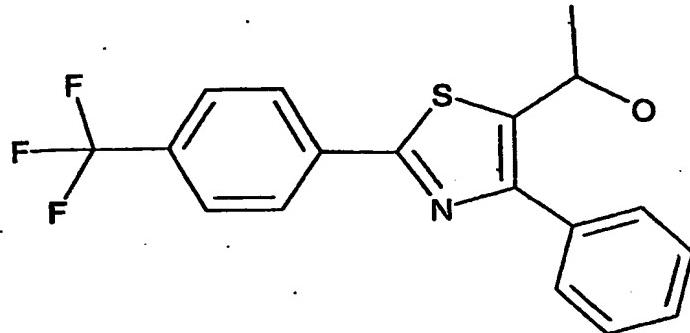
**1-[4-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenoxyethyl)-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethanol**



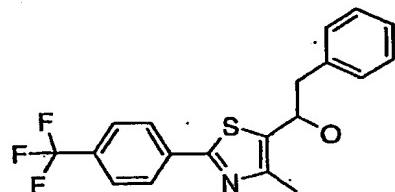
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**Preparation 101**

**1-[4-Phenyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethanol**

**Preparation 102**

5      1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-2-phenyl-ethanol



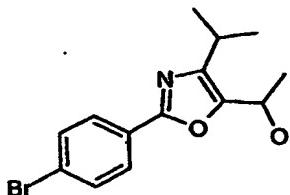
To a solution of 4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazole-5-carbaldehyde (0.5 g, 1.84 mmole) in THF (20 mL) at 0°C, is added a solution of benzyl magnesium chloride in tetrahydrofuran (2.0M, 1.0 mL, 2 mmole) dropwise. The reaction is stirred for 5 minutes and then warmed up to room temperature for 2 hrs. The reaction is quenched with NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (aq), partitioned between ethyl ether and water. Extracted the aqueous layer with ethyl ether. The combined organic is washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and concentrated. Column chromatography on silica gel yields the title compound.

**Preparation 103**

1-[2-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-4-isopropyl-oxazol-5-yl]-ethanol

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**Step A**

**2-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-4-isopropyl-oxazole-5-carboxylic acid  
ethyl ester**

5      A solution of 4-bromo-benzoic acid (34.0 g, 0.169 mol) in DMF (450 mL) is treated at ambient temperature portionwise with NaH (6.4 g, 0.16 mol, 60 % oil dispersion). The suspension is heated to 90 °C and 2-chloro-4-methyl-3-oxo-pentanoic acid ethyl ester (27.7 g, 0.144 mol) is added neat. The remaining chloride is washed into the reaction flask using DMF (25 mL). The reaction mixture is stirred for 18h, cooled, and treated with water (600 mL). The mixture is extracted with EtOAc (750 mL). The organic layer is washed with brine (2 x 250 mL), dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated to a foam (56 g). This diester is dissolved in acetic acid (500 mL), treated at ambient temperature with ammonium acetate (80 g, 1.0 mol), and heated at 120 °C for 20 h. The reaction mixture is cooled, concentrated, and partitioned between EtOAc (500 mL) and saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (3 x 125 mL). The organic layer is dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated. The crude product is purified by silica gel flash chromatography using hexanes:ethyl acetate (6:1) to give the title compound (26.6 g, 55%).

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**Step B**

[2-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-4-isopropyl-oxazol-5-yl]-methanol  
A solution of 2-(4-bromo-phenyl)-4-isopropyl-oxazole-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (20.6 g, 60.9 mmol) in THF (300 mL) is cooled in an ice-water bath and treated portionwise with LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (2.8 g, 73 mmol). The reaction is complete after 1.5 h. Ice chips (~10g) are added to quench the

excess hydride reagent, and anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  (~50g) is added. The thick suspension is stirred 30 min, filtered through celite, and washed with THF (600 mL). The filtrate is dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) and concentrated. The crude product is purified by 5 silica gel flash chromatography using hexanes:ethyl acetate (3:1) to give a white solid (17.9 g, 99%).

#### Step C

##### 2-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-4-isopropyl-oxazole-5-carbaldehyde

10 A solution of [2-(4-bromo-phenyl)-4-isopropyl-oxazol-5-yl]-methanol (17.9 g, 60.4 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , (450 mL) is treated at ambient temperature with acetic acid 1,1-diacetoxy-3-oxo-1<sup>-5</sup>-ioda-2-oxa-indan-1-yl ester (39 g, 92 mmol, Dess Martin reagent). The suspension is stirred 1 h and is partitioned 15 between 10% aqueous  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$  solution (250 mL) and  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , (150 mL). The organic layer is washed with saturated  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (2 x 250 mL), and the combined aqueous layers are back-extracted with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (300 mL). The combined organic layers are dried (20  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) and concentrated. The crude product is purified by silica gel flash chromatography using hexanes:ethyl acetate (6:1) to give an offwhite solid (14.4 g, 81%).

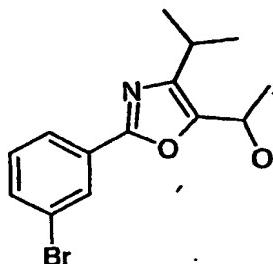
#### Step D

##### 1-[2-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-4-isopropyl-oxazol-5-yl]-ethanol

25 A solution of 2-(4-bromo-phenyl)-4-isopropyl-oxazole-5-carbaldehyde (14.4 g, 84.9 mmol) in THF (300 mL) is cooled to -78 °C and treated dropwise with methyl magnesium bromide (25 mL, 75 mmol, 3M  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ). After 1 h, more methyl magnesium bromide (12 mL, 36 mmol) is added. The reaction mixture is 30 stirred 1.5 h, and saturated  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  solution (10 ml) is added dropwise. The mixture is partitioned between saturated  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  solution (10 ml), 1N HCl (25 mL), and  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (300 mL). The organic layer is washed with brine (150 mL), dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ), and concentrated. The crude product is purified by 35 silica gel flash chromatography using hexanes:ethyl acetate (9:1 to 5:1) to give an offwhite solid (9.5 g, 63%).

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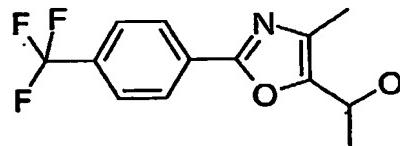
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**Preparation 104****1-[2-(*-*bromo-phenyl)-4-isopropyl-oxazol-5-yl]-ethanol**

- 5 By the sequence above as preparation 78, 4-bromo-benzoic acid is converted to 1-[2-(4-bromo-phenyl)-4-isopropyl-oxazol-5-yl]-ethanol.
- 2-(3-Bromo-phenyl)-4-isopropyl-oxazole-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester: 135 mmol scale, 35%
- 10 [2-(3-Bromo-phenyl)-4-isopropyl-oxazol-5-yl]-methanol: 45 mmol scale, 100%
- 2-(3-Bromo-phenyl)-4-isopropyl-oxazole-5-carbaldehyde: 45 mmol, 69%
- 15 1-[2-(3-Bromo-phenyl)-4-isopropyl-oxazol-5-yl]-ethanol: 29 mmol scale, 100%

**Preparation 105****1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-ethanol**

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**Step 1**

- 2-(4-tert-Butyl-benzoylamino)-propionic acid methyl ester D,L Alanine methyl ester (18.5 g, 132 mmol), triethylamine (42 mL, 300 mmol) and dichloromethane (300 mL) are stirred in an ice/water bath. 4-(Trifluoromethyl)benzoyl chloride (25 g, 120 mmol) is added dropwise and the resulting mixture is allowed to stir for 20 hr at room temperature. 500 mL

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water and 100 mL 1M hydrochloric acid are successively added. The organic layer is separated, washed with 250 mL each of saturated sodium hydrogen carbonate, water, and brine, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated to 100 mL volume. The mixture is diluted with 200 mL hexanes, cooled to 0°C for 1 hr, and the white solid filtered and dried under vacuum to afford 2-(4-tert-Butyl-benzoylamino)-propionic acid methyl ester, 26.5 g, 80%. MS (ES): 276 (M<sup>+</sup>+1).

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**Step 2**

2-(4-tert-Butyl-benzoylamino)-propionic acid methyl ester (26.3 g, 95.6 mmol), 200 mL 1M sodium hydroxide, and 100 mL tetrahydrofuran is stirred at room temperature 20 hr. The resulting clear solution is cooled on an ice/water bath and the pH is adjusted to 2 with concentrated hydrochloric acid. The product is extracted with three 250 mL portions of ethyl acetate. The combined extracts are washed with 100 mL each of water and brine, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated to afford 2-(4-tert-Butyl-benzoylamino)-propionic acid as a white solid, 24.6 g, 95%. MS M<sup>+</sup>+1 260.

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**Step 3.**

[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-methanol  
To a solution of 2-(4-Trifluoromethyl-benzoylamino)-propionic acid (33.4 g, 128 mmol) is added oxalyl chloride (111 mL, 1.27 Mol) and 1 drop of DMF and the solution stirred overnight. The volatiles are removed in vacuo and toluene (20 mL) is added. The toluene is then removed in vacuo. To the resultant crude oil is dissolve in 50 mL methylene chloride, cooled to 0 °C and triethylamine (27 mL, 192 mmol) is added followed by methanol (50 mL). After 3 hrs the volatiles are removed in vacuo and the crude oil is purified by flash column chromatography (20%-50% ethyl acetate / hexanes) to provide 12.6 g (35%) of 4-Methyl-2-(4-

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trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazole-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester. This ester (2.0 g, 7.0 mmol) is reduced to the alcohol by dissolution in THF (50 mL) and adding 4 eq. LiBH<sub>4</sub> (0.610 g, 28.0 mmol) to provide 1.8 g (100%) [4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-methanol. MS M<sup>+</sup> 258.

5 Step 4

4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazole-5-carbaldehyde [4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-methanol (2.42 g, 9.41 mmol) and 100 mL dichloromethane are stirred 10 at room temperature. Dess-Martin periodinane (8.0 g, 18.8 mmol) is added and the resulting mixture is stirred 4 hr at room temperature. The mixture is diluted with 100 mL saturated sodium hydrogen carbonate. The organic layer is separated, washed with 50 mL each of water and brine, dried 15 over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated. The crude product is purified by silica gel chromatography eluting with a mixture of 8:2 hexanes:ethyl acetate affording 4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazole-5-carbaldehyde as a white solid, 2.12 g, 89%. MS 20 (M<sup>+</sup>+1) 256.

Step 5

1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-ethanol

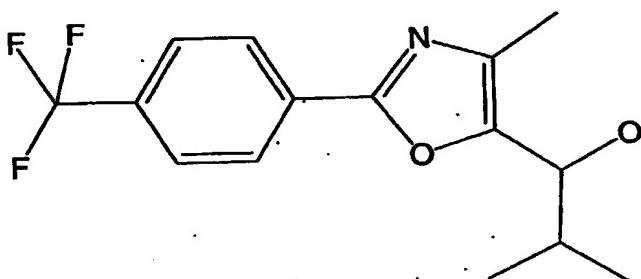
25 A solution of 4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazole-5-carbaldehyde (1.32 g, 5.16 mmol) and 50 mL tetrahydrofuran is stirred at 0°C. Methyl magnesium bromide (2.2 mL, 6.71 mmol, 3M) is added dropwise and the resulting mixture is allowed to stir at room temperature 30 min. The reaction is 30 not complete, so an additional amount of methyl magnesium bromide (1 mL, 3 mmol) is added and the reaction stirred an additional 1 hr at room temperature. The mixture is cooled on an ice/water bath and aqueous ammonium chloride (10 mL) is added. The product is extracted with three 75 mL portions of ethyl acetate, the combined extracts are dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated. The crude product is purified by silica gel chromatography 35

eluting with a mixture of 1:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate to afford 1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-ethanol as an ivory solid, 1.12 g, 80%. MS ( $M^+ + 1$ ) 272.

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**Preparation 106**

2-Methyl-1-[4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-propan-1-ol

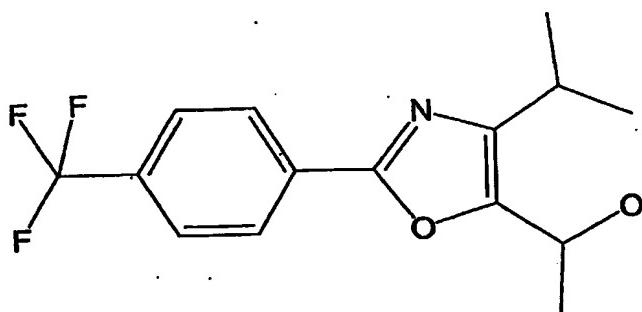


10 This compound is prepared in analogous fashion using preparation 105. Steps 1-4 are identical as previously described. Step 5 is performed using isopropyl magnesium bromide to afford 2-methyl-1-[4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-propan-1-ol.

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**Preparation 107**

1-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-ethanol



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**Step 1**

2-chloro-4-methyl-3-oxo-pentanoic acid ethyl ester Ethyl isobutyryl acetate (12.0 g, 75.85 mmol) is stirred at 0 °C in dichloromethane (75 mL). Sulfuryl chloride (6.5 mL, 80 mmol) is added dropwise and the resulting mixture is

allowed to stir 20 hr at room temperature. The reaction mixture is cooled to 0°C and aqueous saturated sodium hydrogen carbonate (200 mL) is added cautiously. The layers are separated, the aqueous layer is washed with

5 dichloromethane (100 mL), the combined organic layers are washed with water and brine (100 mL each), dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated to constant weight to give 2-chloro-4-methyl-3-oxo-pentanoic acid ethyl ester as a colorless oil, 14.6 g, 100%. MS

10 (M<sup>+</sup>+1) 193.

### Step 2

#### 4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazole-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester

15 Sodium Hydride, 60% mineral oil (1.9 g, 46.3 mmol) and dimethylformamide (50 mL) are stirred at room temperature and 4-(trifluoromethyl)benzoic acid (8.0 g, 42.1 mmol) is added. To the resulting slurry is added 2-chloro-4-methyl-3-oxo-pentanoic acid ethyl ester (8.5 g, 44.2 mmol) and the resulting mixture is heated to 90 °C for 3 hr. The reaction mixture is cooled, diluted with water (100 mL), and product is extracted with ethyl acetate (100 mL). The organic layer is washed with water (three 100 mL portions) and brine (100 mL), dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated to constant weight to give 4-trifluoromethyl-benzoic acid 1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-methyl-2-oxo-butyl ester as a colorless oil, 14.6 g, 100%. The resulting oil is stirred in a mixture of acetic acid (100 mL) and ammonium acetate (9.75 g, 126.5 mmol) at reflux 1 hr, then 20 hr at room

20 temperature. The solvent is removed in vacuo and the residue is partitioned between aqueous saturated sodium hydrogen carbonate (100 mL) and ethyl acetate (100 mL). The layers are separated, the aqueous layer is washed with ethyl acetate (100 mL). The organic extracts are combined, washed

25 with water and brine (100 mL each) dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated. The residue

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is purified over silica eluting with 9:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate to afford 4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazole-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester as a white solid, 8.1 g, 60%. MS ( $M^+ + 1$ ) 328.

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**Step 3**

[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-methanol

4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazole-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (0.53 g, 1.62 mmol) is stirred 10 in tetrahydrofuran (25 mL) at 0°C. Lithium aluminum hydride (0.122 g, 3.23 mmol) is added and the mixture is stirred 18 hr at room temperature. The mixture is diluted carefully with 1M aqueous hydrochloric acid (10 mL), and the product 15 is extracted with ethyl acetate (three 75 mL portions). The extracts are combined, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated to afford [4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-methanol as a white solid, 0.46 g, 100%. MS ( $M^+ + 1$ ) 286

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**Step 4**

4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazole-5-carbaldehyde

[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-methanol (0.46 g, 1.612 mmol), Dess-Martin periodinane (1.36 g, 3.22 mmol) and dichloromethane (25 mL) are stirred 1 hr 25 at room temperature. The mixture is diluted with aqueous saturated sodium hydrogen carbonate (100 mL) and dichloromethane (100 mL). The layers are separated, the 30 aqueous layer is washed with dichloromethane (100 mL). The organic washes are combined, washed with brine (50 mL), dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The product is purified over silica eluting with 3:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate to afford 4- 35 Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazole-5-

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carbaldehyde as a white solid, 0.41 g, 90%. % MS ( $M^+ + 1$ )  
284.

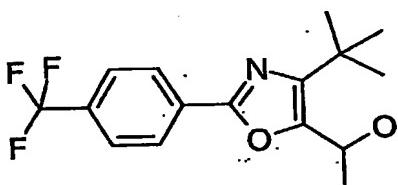
**Step 5**

5      1-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-  
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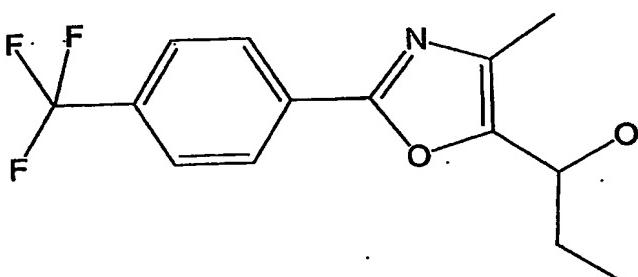
Followed a similar procedure in step 5 of preparation 105.

**Preparation 108**

10     1-[4-tert-Butyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-  
ethanol

**Preparation 109**

15     1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-  
propan-1-ol

**Step 1**

20     4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazole-5-carboxylic  
acid methoxy-methyl-amide

To a solution of 2-(4-Trifluoromethyl-benzoylamino)-  
propionic acid (5.0 g, 19.14 mmol) is added oxalyl chloride  
(16.7 mL, 191.4 mmol) and 2 drops of DMF and the solution  
25     stirred overnight. The volatiles are removed in vacuo and  
toluene (20 mL) is added. The toluene is then removed in  
vacuo. To the resultant crude oil is dissolve in

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dichloromethane (100 mL), cooled to 0°C and triethylamine (13.4 mL, 96 mmol) is added followed by N,O-dimethyl hydroxylamine hydrochloride (9.4 g, 96 mmol). After 1 hr the mixture is partitioned between 1M aqueous hydrochloric acid and ethyl acetate. The organic layer is dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered, concentrated in vacuo. The product is purified over silica eluting with 8:2 hexanes:ethyl acetate to afford 4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazole-5-carboxylic acid methoxy-  
10 methyl-amide as a white crystalline solid, 2.4 g, 40%. MS (M<sup>+</sup>+1) 315.

**Step 2**

15        1-[4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-propan-1-one  
4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazole-5-carboxylic acid methoxy-methyl-amide (1.0 g, 3.18 mmol) is stirred in tetrahydrofuran (15 mL) at -78°C. Ethyl magnesium bromide, 3M/ether (2.1 mL, 4.14 mmol) is added and the mixture is warmed to room temperature. The mixture is diluted with aqueous saturated ammonium chloride and washed with ethyl acetate (three 50 mL portions). The combined washes are dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The residue is purified over silica eluting with 7:3 hexanes:ethyl acetate to afford 1-[4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-propan-1-one as an ivory solid, 0.70 g, 78%. MS (M<sup>+</sup>+1) 284.

**Step 3**

30        1-[4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-propan-1-ol  
1-[4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-propan-1-one (0.68 g, 2.4 mmol) and tetrahydrofuran (5 mL) are stirred at 0°C. Lithium borohydride (0.14 g, 6.36 mmol) is added and the mixture is stirred 10 min at 0°C, and 30 min at room temperature. The mixture is diluted with 1M

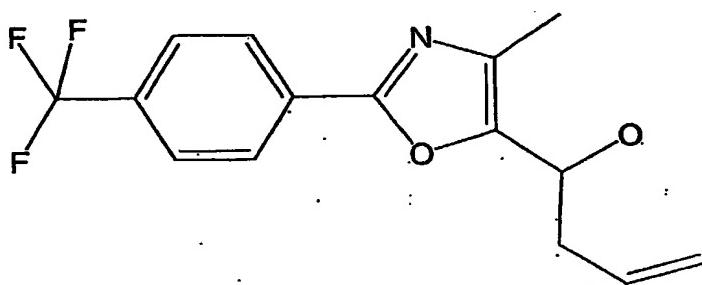
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aqueous hydrochloric acid and washed with ethyl acetate (three 50 mL portions). The organic washes are dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The residue is purified over silica eluting with 8:2 hexanes:ethyl acetate to 1:1 hexanes ethyl acetate to afford 5 1-[4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-propan-1-ol as ivory solid, 0.69 g, 100%. MS ( $M^+ + 1$ ) 286.

**Preparation 110**

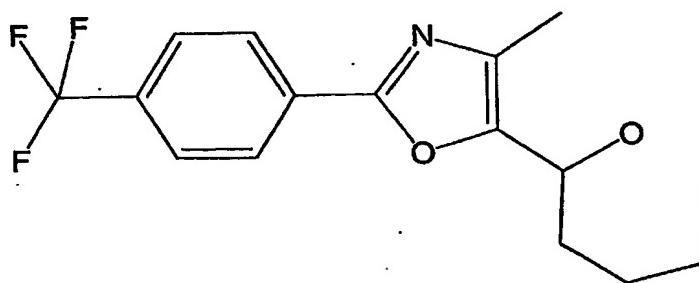
10 1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-but-3-en-1-ol



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**Preparation 111**

1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-pentan-1-ol



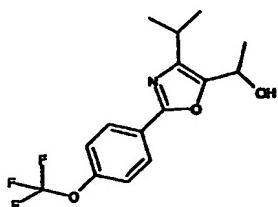
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**Preparation 112**

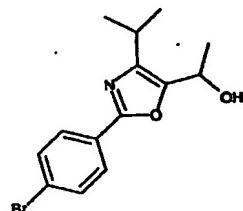
1-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethoxy-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-ethanol

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**Preparation 113**

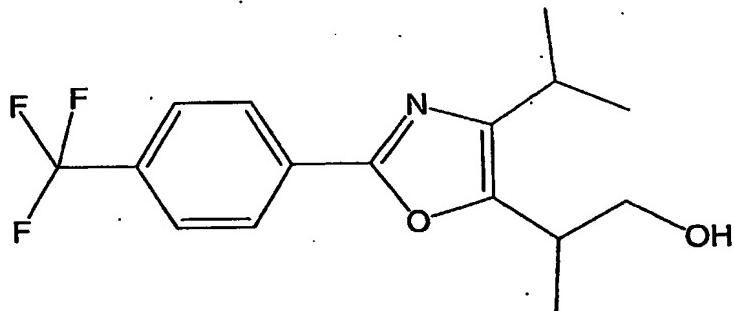
1-[2-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-4-isopropyl-oxazol-5-yl]-ethanol



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**Preparation 114**

2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-propan-1-ol



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**Step 1**

4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4H-oxazol-5-one  
 3-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-benzoylamino)-butyric acid  
 methyl ester (4.75 g, 16.42 mmol) is dissolved in acetic  
 anhydride (25 mL) and heated to 95°C for 3 hr. The mixture  
 is concentrated in vacuo and the residue is partitioned  
 between aqueous saturated sodium hydrogen carbonate (100 mL)  
 and ethyl acetate (100 mL) the layers are separated, the  
 organic phase is washed with water and brine (100 mL each),  
 dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered,  
 concentrated in vacuo, and purified over silica gel eluting

with 9:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate to afford 4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4H-oxazol-5-one as a colorless oil which solidifies to a white crystalline solid on standing, 4.14 g, 93%. MS ( $M^+ + 1$ ) 272.

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**Step 2**

2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-propionic acid ethyl ester

4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4H-oxazol-5-one

10 (1.0 g, 3.69 mmol) and (carbethoxyethylidine)triphenylphosphorane (2.67 g, 7.37 mmol) are stirred in toluene (20 mL) at reflux 3 hr. The mixture is concentrated in vacuo and the residue is purified over silica eluting with 9:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate affording 2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-propionic acid ethyl ester as a pale orange oil, 1.11g, 85%. MS ( $M^+ + 1$ ) 356.

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20**Step 3**

2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-propan-1-ol

25 2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-propionic acid ethyl ester (1.11 g, 3.12 mmol) and tetrahydrofuran (50 mL) are cooled to 0°C. Lithium aluminum hydride (0.24g, 6.25 mmol) is added and the resulting mixture is stirred 20 hr at room temperature. The mixture is cooled to 0°C and 1M aqueous hydrochloric acid (50 mL) is carefully added. The mixture is then diluted with ethyl acetate (100 mL) and the layers are separated. The aqueous layer is washed with ethyl acetate (100 mL) and the organic washes are combined, washed with water and brine (50 mL each), dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated to constant weight to give 2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-propan-1-ol as a pale orange oil, 1.03 g, 100%. MS ( $M^+ + 1$ ) 314.

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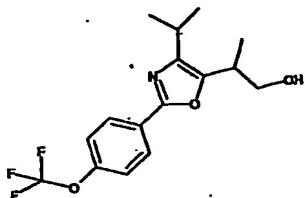
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**Preparation 115**

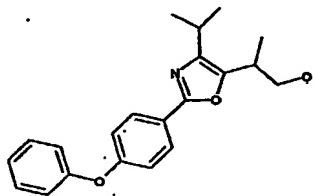
2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethoxy-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-  
propan-1-ol



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**Preparation 116**

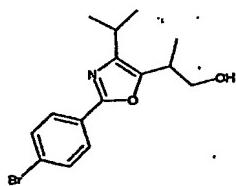
2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-phenoxy-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-propan-1-ol



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**Preparation 117**

2-[2-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-4-isopropyl-oxazol-5-yl]-propan-1-ol



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2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-  
propan-1-ol and 2-Methyl-2-[5-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-  
phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propan-1-ol



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**Step A**

4-Bromo-2-methyl-3-oxo-pentanoic acid methyl ester and 4-  
Bromo-2,2-dimethyl-3-oxo-pentanoic acid methyl ester

A solution of bromine (18.4 g, 115 mmol) in chloroform (30 mL) is added to a mixture of 2-methyl-3-oxo-pentanoic acid methyl ester and 2,2-dimethyl-3-oxo-pentanoic acid methyl ester (16.5 g) in chloroform (120 mL) at 0-5 °C dropwise.

5 After the addition of bromine, the mixture is allowed to warm up to room temperature slowly and stirred overnight. The reaction is then quenched by ice water, the layers are separated. The organic layer is washed with cold water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate. Concentration yields the

10 title compounds, which is used for next step without further purification.

**Step B**

2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propionic acid methyl ester and 2-Methyl-2-[5-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propionic acid methyl ester

A mixture of 4-Trifluoromethyl-thiobenzamide (7.70 g, 37.5 mmol) and the crude product from step A (9.0 g, 40 mmol) in ethanol (500 mL) is heated to reflux for 4 days. Solvent is evaporated and the residue is purified by chromatography on silica gel yielding the title compounds (11 g).

**Step C**

25 2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propan-1-ol and 2-Methyl-2-[5-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propan-1-ol

To a solution of 2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propionic acid methyl ester and 2-Methyl-2-[5-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propionic acid methyl ester (10.6 g) in THF (50 mL) is added a solution of lithium aluminum hydride in THF (1.0 M, 33 mL) at 0 °C. After 2 hrs, the reaction is quenched by water and sodium hydroxide, filtered, concentrated. Chromatography on silica gel yields 2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propan-1-ol (4.3 g) and 2-Methyl-2-[5-methyl-

2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propan-1-ol (2.6 g).

#### Preparation 119

- 5      2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-propan-1-ol and 2-Methyl-2-[5-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-propan-1-ol.



#### Step A

- 10     4-Bromo-2-methyl-3-oxo-pentanoic acid methyl ester and 4-Bromo-2,2-dimethyl-3-oxo-pentanoic acid methyl ester  
A solution of bromine (18.4 g, 115 mmol) in chloroform (20 mL) is added to a mixture of 2-methyl-3-oxo-pentanoic acid methyl ester and 2,2-dimethyl-3-oxo-pentanoic acid methyl ester (ca. 115 mmol) in chloroform (120 mL) at 0-5 °C dropwise. After the addition of bromine, the mixture is allowed to warm up to room temperature slowly and stirred overnight. The reaction is then quenched by ice water, the layers are separated. The organic layer is washed with cold water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate. Concentration yields the title compounds, which is used for next step without further purification.

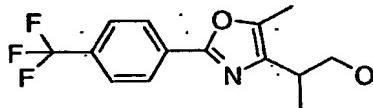
#### Step B

- 25     2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-propionic acid methyl ester and 2-Methyl-2-[5-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-propionic acid methyl ester  
To a solution of 4-Trifluoromethyl-benzoic acid (7.6 g, 40 mmol) in methanol (100 mL) is added sodium hydroxide (1.6 g, 40 mmol), stirred for 30 min, methanol is evaporated. The residue is taken into DMF (50 mL) and the crude product from step A (10 g) is added. The mixture is stirred overnight, diluted with ethyl acetate, washed with water and brine,

dried over sodium sulfate, concentrated. The residue is taken into ethanol (150 mL) and treated with ammonium acetate (6.17 g) and heated at 70 °C for 12 hrs. Ethanol is evaporated, the residue is mixed with ammonium acetate (12.3 g) in glacial acid (750 mL) and heated at 100 °C for 2 days. Solvent is evaporated and the residue is taken into ethyl acetate, washed with water and brine, dried. Chromatography on silica gel yields 2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-propionic acid methyl ester (3.40g) and 10 2-Methyl-2-[5-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-propionic acid methyl ester (2.80 g).

**Step C**

2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-  
15 propan-1-ol

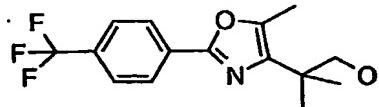


To a solution of 2-[5-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-propionic acid methyl ester (3.4 g) from step B in THF (20 mL) is added a solution of lithium aluminum hydride in THF (1.0 M, 14 mL) at 0 °C. After 2 hrs, the reaction is quenched by water and sodium hydroxide, filtered, concentrated. Chromatography on silica gel yields 2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-propan-1-ol (0.88 g).

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**Step D**

and 2-Methyl-2-[5-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-propan-1-ol



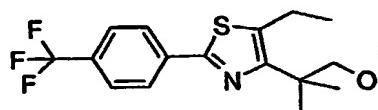
To a solution of 2-methyl-2-[5-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-propionic acid methyl ester (2.8 g) from step B in THF (14 mL) is added a solution of lithium aluminum hydride in THF (1.0 M, 13 mL) at 0 °C. After 2 hrs,

the reaction is quenched by water and sodium hydroxide, filtered, concentrated. Chromatography on silica gel yields 2-Methyl-2-[5-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-propan-1-ol (2.3 g).

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**Preparation 120**

2-Methyl-2-[5-ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propan-1-ol



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**Step A**

4-Bromo-2,2-dimethyl-3-oxo-hexanoic acid methyl ester

A solution of bromine (24 g, 150 mmol) in chloroform (30 mL) is added to 2,2-dimethyl-3-oxo-hexanoic acid methyl ester (25.9 g, 150 mmol) in chloroform (126 mL) at 0-5 °C dropwise. After the addition of bromine, the mixture is allowed to warm up to room temperature slowly and stirred overnight. The reaction is then quenched by ice water, the layers are separated. The organic layer is washed with cold water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate. Concentration yields the title compounds (36.9 g), which is used for next step without further purification.

**Step B**

25 2-Methyl-2-[5-ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propionic acid methyl ester

A mixture of 4-Trifluoromethyl-thiobenzamide (12.3 g, 60 mmol) and the crude product from step A (16.6 g, 66 mmol) in ethanol (600 mL) is heated to reflux for 3 days. Solvent is evaporated and the residue is purified by chromatography on silica gel yielding the title compounds (14.5 g).

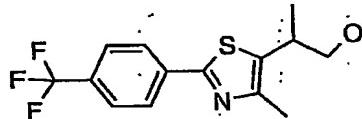
**Step C**

2-Methyl-2-[5-ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propan-1-ol

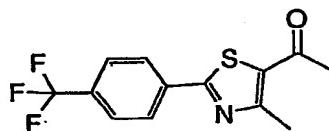
To a solution of 2-Methyl-2-[5-ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propionic acid methyl ester (14.5 g, 40.6 mmol) in THF (100 mL) is added a solution of lithium aluminum hydride in THF (1.0 M, 41 mL) at 0 °C. After 2 hrs, the reaction is quenched by water and sodium hydroxide, filtered, concentrated. Chromatography on silica gel yields 2-Methyl-2-[5-ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propan-1-ol (12.3 g).

**Preparation 121**

2-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-propan-1-ol

**Step A**

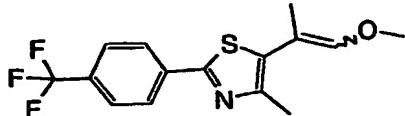
1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethanone



A mixture of 1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethanol (1.0 g, 3.48 mmol) and MnO<sub>2</sub> (0.45 g, 5.22 mmol) in chloroform (30 mL) is heated to reflux, after 24 hrs, additional MnO<sub>2</sub> (300 mg) is added and refluxed for another 9 hrs, the reaction mixture is filtered through celite. Concentration of filtrate yields the title compound (1.0 g).

**Step B**

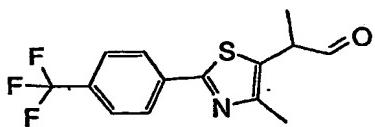
30 5-(2-Methoxy-1-methyl-vinyl)-4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazole



To a solution of (methoxymethyl)triphenyl phosphonium chloride (15.5 g, 45.2 mmole) in toluene (330 mL) is added potassium t-butoxide (5.07 g, 45.2 mmole) in one portion and stirred for 30 minutes, then a solution of 1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethanone (8.6 g, 30.1 mmole) in toluene (20 mL) is added. The reaction is stirred for 4 hours, quenched by NH<sub>4</sub>Cl aqueous solution, extracted with ethyl acetate and then concentrated on rota vapor. The residue is purified on a silica gel column, eluting with 0-10% ethyl acetate in hexane and concentrated to provide the title compound (7.0 g).

### Step C

#### 15 2-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-propionaldehyde



5-(2-Methoxy-1-methyl-vinyl)-4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazole (7.0 g, 22.3 mmol) in THF (200 mL) is treated with concentrated HCl aqueous solution (7 mL) at 50°C for 2 hours. The reaction mixture is diluted with ethyl acetate, washed with sodium bicarbonate aqueous solution,

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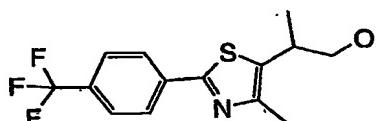
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dried over sodium sulfate. Concentration and column chromatography on silica gel provided the title compound (3.5 g).

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**Step D**

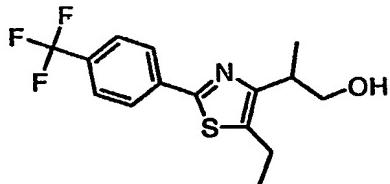
2-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-propan-1-ol



To a solution of 2-[4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-propionaldehyde (2.0 g, 6.68 mmol) in ethanol (30 mL) is added to NaBH<sub>4</sub> (0.25 g, 6.6 mmol) in portions at 0 °C. The reaction is kept at 0°C for 15 minutes and warmed up to room temperature for 2 hours. The reaction is quenched using water, extracted with ethyl acetate, dried over sodium sulfate. Concentration and column chromatography on silica gel eluted with hexanes and ethyl acetate yields the title compound (2.0 g).

**Preparation 122**

20        2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propan-1-ol

**Step A**

3-Oxo-hexanoic acid ethyl ester (29.5 g, 0.1865 Mol) is dissolved into anhydrous dichloromethane (DCM) (400 mL) and then cooled to 0°C-5°C while stirring. A solution of bromine (30.4 g, 0.190 Mol) in DCM (80 mL) is added dropwise over 2h. to the solution of the beta keto-ester. After the

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addition, the mixture is allowed to stir 0.5h. at 0°C, then the ice bath is removed and the mixture is allowed to stir at room temperature for 18h. TLC will show complete consumtion of starting material, then ice water (200 g) is added with stirring. The organic layer is collected and washed with cold water (2X) and brine. The filtered solution is dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, then concentrated to a clear liquid. The crude 4-Bromo-3-oxo-hexanoic acid ethyl ester (40.2 g, 0.1695 Mol), 91% yield, is used without further purification.

### **Step B**

15 4-Bromo-3-oxo-hexanoic acid ethyl ester (4.68 g, 20.98 mmol) is dissolved into denatured ethanol (100 mL) and para-trifluoromethyl thiobenzamide (4.31 g, 21 mmol) is added in one portion. The reaction is purged of air and flushed with nitrogen, then heated to reflux. The reaction is monitored by TLC and HPLC and when complete, the reaction is allowed to cool to room temperature. The solvent is removed and the reaction is diluted with ethyl acetate (200 mL), followed by

20 washes with saturated sodium bicarbonate solution, water, and brine. The ethyl acetate solution is dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, then concentrated and further purified using flash column chromatography (10% EtOAc/Hexanes) to yield pure [5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-acetic acid ethyl ester (5.09 g, 14.82 mmol) or 71% yield.

### **Step C**

[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-acetic acid ethyl ester (2.02 g, 6.13 mmol) is dissolved into anhydrous tetrahydrofuran(THF) (10 mL) and lithium diisopropylamide(LDA) is slowly added at room temperature. This solution is allowed to stir at room temperature and monitored by TLC. After complete conversion, methyl iodide (582 mg, 4.00 mmol) is added slowly and the reaction is followed by TLC. After 18h., the reaction is not complete, but is quenched with saturated ammonium chloride solution and diluted with diethyl ether. The two phases are

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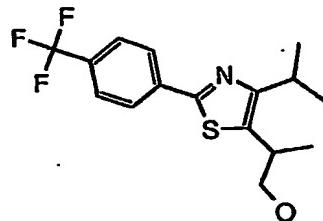
separated and the organic layer is washed with water and brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, then concentrated and purified using flash column chromatography(10% EtOAc/Hexanes). The pure 2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propionic acid ethyl ester (1.30 g, 3.64 mmol) is obtained in 59% yield.

**Step D**

2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propionic acid ethyl ester (1.05 g, 3.06 mmol) is dissolved into anhydrous tetrahydrofuran(THF) (10 mL) and then cooled to 0°C with stirring. Lithium aluminum hydride (3.10mL, 1M in THF, 3.10 mmol) is slowly added by syringe and the reaction is monitored by TLC. Upon complete conversion, the reaction is carefully quenched using water, base, and water. Celite is added to the reaction, followed by diethyl ether and the mixture is then filtered through a celite plug. The two phases are then separated and the organic layer is washed using water and brine. The organic layer is then dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated. The pure 2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propan-1-ol (0.930 g, 2.95 mmol) is obtained in 95% yield after flash column chromatography.

**Preparation 123**

25 2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-propan-1-ol

**Step A**

30 4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazole-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester (14 g, 40.1 mmol) is dissolved into anhydrous tetrahydrofuran(THF) (200 mL) and then cooled to -30°C while stirring under nitrogen. N-methyl, N-methoxy

amine hydrochloride (0.881 g, 9.04 mmol) is then added to the solution in one portion. Isopropyl magnesium chloride (8.73 mL, 2M soln. in THF, 17.46 mmol) is slowly added to the cooled suspension over 1h. TLC will show complete 5 consumtion of starting material, then 30% solution of ammonium chloride is added with stirring. The reaction is diluted with diethyl ether and extracted. The organic layer is collected and washed with cold water (2X), and brine. The solution is then dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, 10 filtered, and concentrated. The 4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazole-5-carboxylic acid methoxy-methyl-amide (0.705 g, 1.97 mmol) is obtained in pure form after flash column chromatography.

**Step B**

15 4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazole-5-carboxylic acid methoxy-methyl-amide (7.56 g, 21.09 mmol) is suspended in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (100 mL), and cooled to 0°C with stirring under nitrogen. Methyl magnesium bromide (28 mL, 3.0M in diethyl ether, 84.36 mmol) is slowly 20 added to the reaction over 1h. The reaction is allowed to warm slowly to room temperature and monitored by TLC. Upon complete consumption of starting material, the reaction is carefully neutralized with 1N hydrochloric acid, extracted with diethyl ether, washed, dried, and concentrated. The 1-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethanone (5.4 g, 17.23 mmol) 25 82% yield, is used without further purification.

**Step C**

(Methoxymethyl)triphenylphosphonium chloride (8.86 g, 25.84 mmol) is suspended in anhydrous toluene (75 mL) and potassium tert-butoxide (2.90 g, 25.84 mmol) is carefully added. The solution is allowed to cool and stir at room temperature for 1h. 1-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethanone (5.4 g, 17.23 mmol) is then 35 dissolved into anhydrous toluene (25 mL) and added to the reaction mixture by syringe. The reaction is allowed to stir at room temperature for several hours and is monitored

by TLC. Upon complete consumption of starting material, the reaction is carefully quenched with saturated ammonium chloride solution, extracted with diethyl ether, washed, dried, and concentrated. The 4-Isopropyl-5-(2-methoxy-1-methyl-vinyl)-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazole is used in the next step without further purification.

**Step D**

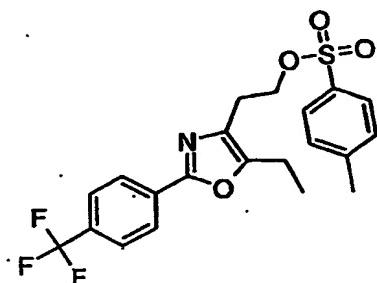
4-Isopropyl-5-(2-methoxy-1-methyl-vinyl)-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazole is dissolved into anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (100 mL) and concentrated hydrochloric acid (5 mL) is added with stirring under nitrogen. The reaction is heated to 50°C and monitored by TLC. Upon complete consumption of starting material, the reaction is carefully neutralized with sodium hydroxide, extracted with diethyl ether, washed, dried, and concentrated. The 2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-propionaldehyde (4.6 g, 14.05 mmol), 82% two steps, is obtained in pure form after flash column chromatography.

**Step E**

2- [4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-propionaldehyde (4.05 g, 12.5 mmol) is dissolved into denatured ethanol (60 mL) at room temperature then cooled to 0°C in an ice bath. Sodium borohydride (0.467 g, 12.5 mmol) is then carefully added in small portions. The reaction is allowed to warm slowly to room temperature and is monitored by TLC. Upon complete consumption of starting material, the reaction is carefully quenched with water and diluted with ethyl acetate. The ethanol is removed and the residue is extracted with ethyl acetate, washed, dried, and concentrated. The 2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-propan-1-ol (4.0 g, 12.14 mmol), 97%, is obtained in pure form after flash column chromatography.

**Preparation 124**

35 Toluene-4-sulfonic acid 2-[5-ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-ethyl ester

**Step A**

To a solution of  $\alpha,\alpha,\alpha$ -trifluoromethyl-para-toluic acid (5.0 g, 26.3 mmol) in anhydrous acetone (100 mL) at 0°C under nitrogen is added 4-bromo-3-oxo-hexanoic acid ethyl ester (6.4 g, 27 mmol) and triethyl amine (3.5 mL, 27 mmol). The mixture is allowed to stir 0.5h. at 0°C, then the ice bath is removed and the mixture allowed to stir at room temperature for 18h. The reaction is monitored by TLC and HPLC until complete consumtion of starting material, then ice water added with stirring and the mixture is extracted. The organic layer is collected and washed with brine, then dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. The crude 4-Trifluoromethyl-benzoic acid 3-ethoxycarbonyl-1-ethyl-2-oxo-propyl ester is used in the next step without further purification.

**Step B**

4-Trifluoromethyl-benzoic acid 3-ethoxycarbonyl-1-ethyl-2-oxo-propyl ester (25 mmol) is dissolved in acetic acid (100 mL) and dry ammonium acetate (10 g, 100 mmol) is added, then the reaction is heated under nitrogen to reflux. The reaction is monitored by TLC and HPLC but complete consumption of the starting material is never observed, and then allowed to cool. The cooled reaction is concentrated and diluted with 250 mL ethyl acetate. The residue is washed with 100 mL saturated sodium bicarbonate followed by water and brine. The organic layer is dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, then concentrated and purified by column chromatography. The fractions that contained pure product are concentrated to yield [5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-

phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-acetic acid ethyl ester (4.0 g, 12.22 mmol) or 50% yield.

#### Step C

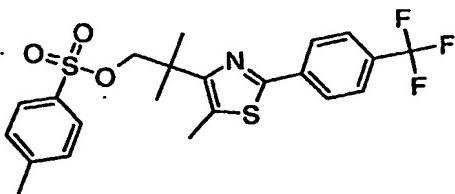
[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-acetic acid ethyl ester (4.0 g, 12.22 mmol) in nhydrous tetrahydrofuran (100 mL) is cooled to 0 °C and a 1M LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (12.2 mL, 12.2 mmol) solution is added slowly. The reaction is monitored by TLC until complete consumption of the starting material. The reaction is then carefully quenched with 2.4 mL water, 2.4 mL 5N NaOH and 7 mL water. The light tan solid is filter through celite and dried to give crude 2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-ethanol (2.74 g, 9.60 mmol) or 79% yield.

#### Step D

To a solution of 2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-ethanol 2.74 g, 9.60 mmol) in nhydrous dichloromethane (50 mL) is added dimethylamino pyridine (0.500 g, 4.00 mmol), tosic anhydride (8.4 g, 24 mmol), and pyridine (3.4 mL, 42 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction is monitored by TLC, and upon complete consumption of the starting alcohol, the reaction is diluted with DCM and extracted against saturated sodium bicarbonate solution. The organic layer is washed with water and brine, then dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated. The pure toluene-4-sulfonic acid 2-[5-ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-ethyl ester (3.0 g, 6.82 mmol) is obtained after flash column chromatography.

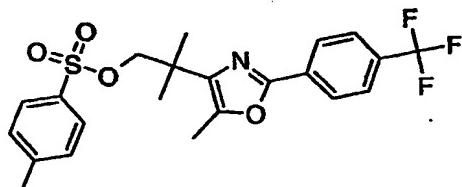
#### Preparation 125

Toluene-4-sulfonic acid 2-methyl-2-[5-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propyl ester



**Preparation 126.**

Toluene-4-sulfonic acid 2-methyl-2-[5-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-propyl ester

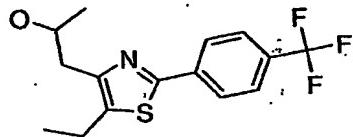


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**Preparation 127**

1-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propan-2-ol

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**Step A**

To a solution of 2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-ethanol (1.25 g, 4.16 mmol) in anhydrous dichloromethane (25 mL) at 0°C under nitrogen is slowly added Dess-Martin periodinane (2.6 g, 6.24 mmol). The reaction is allowed to warm slowly to room temperature and monitored by TLC. After complete consumption of the starting material, the reaction is diluted with dichloromethane and the two phases are separated. The organic layer is washed, dried, filtered and concentrated. The crude [5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-acetaldehyde (0.253 g, 0.840 mmol), 21% yield, is further purified using flash column chromatography.

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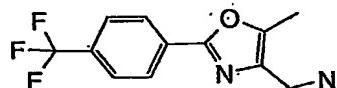
**Step B**

[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-acetaldehyde (0.253 g, 0.840 mmol), is dissolved in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran (5 mL) and cooled to 0°C with stirring under nitrogen. Methylmagnesium bromide, 3.0M in

ether, (0.300 mL, 1.00 mmol) is added and the ice bath removed. After slowly warming to room temperature, the reaction is monitored by TLC. After the starting material is completely consumed, the reaction is quenched with 5 saturated ammonium chloride solution and diluted with ether. The two phases are separated and the organic washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, then concentrated. The residue is further purified using flash column chromatography. The 1-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propan-2-ol (0.222 g, 0.7049 mmol) is 10 formed in 70% yield.

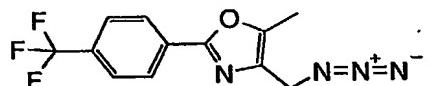
#### Preparation 128

C-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-  
15 methylamine



#### Step A

4-Azidomethyl-5-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazole



20 To a solution of 4-chloromethyl-5-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazole (2.4 g, 8.71 mmol) in methanol (13 mL) is added sodium azide (1.13 g, 17.4 mmol) in water (10 mL). The mixture is heated to reflux for 3 hrs, cooled to room temperature, majority of the methanol is evaporated, the residue is extracted with ethyl acetate, dried, concentrated and column chromatography on silica gel yields the title compound (2.10 g).

25 Step B

C-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-  
methylamine

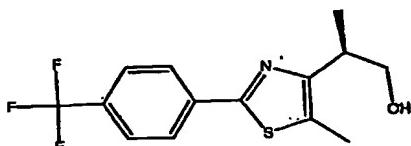
A mixture of 4-azidomethyl-5-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazole (1.70 g) and PtO<sub>2</sub> (0.106 g) in ethyl acetate 30 (50 mL) at room temperature under 60 psi of hydrogen for 5

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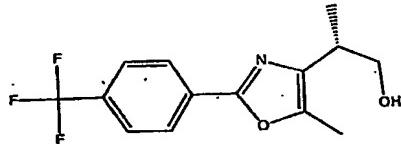
hrs, the reaction mixture is filtered through celite and filtrate is concentrated giving the title compound (1.3 g, 84.2 % yield).

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**Preparation 129****2R-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propan-1-ol**

The racemic alcohol 2-[5-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propan-1-ol is resolved on a Chiralpak

10 AD column (4.6 x 250 mm). Eluted with ethanol in heptane and concentrated the fractions to provide pure enantiomers.

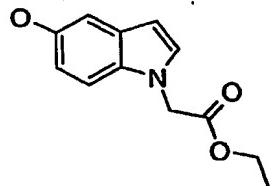
**Preparation 130****2S-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-propan-1-ol**

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This compound is obtained in 129.

**Preparation 131**

(5-Hydroxy-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester



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**Step A**

5-benzyloxyindole (10.0 g, 44.79 mmol) is dissolved into anhydrous DMF (100 mL) and cooled to 0°C in an ice water bath.

Sodium hydride (2.6 g, 67.18 mmol) is dissolved into anhydrous

25 DMF (100 mL), then slowly added to the indole solution using an addition funnel. The reaction is allowed to stir at 0°C for

1h., then the ice bath is removed and the solution is allowed to warm slowly to room temperature. The solution is then cooled back down to 0°C and ethyl bromoacetate (11.2 g, 67.18 mmol) is then added in one portion. The reaction is allowed 5 to stir at 0°C for 1h., then the ice bath is removed and the solution is allowed to warm slowly to room temperature. Upon completion, the reaction is quenched carefully using water, then diluted with EtOAc (300 mL). Brine (100 mL) is added and the two layers are separated in a separatory funnel. The 10 organic layer is rinsed with water (2 X 75 mL) and then dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. The organic layer is then concentrated and purified using flash column chromatography (5% EtOAc/Hexanes) to yield 11.86 g (86%) of (5-Benzylxy-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester.

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**Step B**

(5-Benzylxy-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester (3.49 g, 11.31 mmol) is dissolved in EtOH (50 mL) and glacial acetic acid is added (2.0 mL). Palladium on carbon (20% by wt., 20 0.700 g) is then added to the homogenous solution, and a hydrogen filled balloon is connected to the round bottom flask. A vacuum is created within the flask until the ethanol began to bubble, and the hydrogen allowed to enter the flask; this procedure is repeated three times, then the 25 reaction is left to stir at room temperature overnight. Upon completion, the reaction is diluted with DCM (200 mL), and water (100 mL) is added. The mixture is filtered through a celite plug and the two phases are separated. The organic layer is washed with brine (2 X 75 mL), then dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, and concentrated to yield the 30 title compound (2.42 g) in 98% yield. The residual acetic acid is removed by flash column chromatography.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz): δ 1.18 (t, J = 7.34 Hz, 3H), 4.12 (q, J = 6.85 Hz, 2H), 4.99 (s, 2H), 5.73 (s, 1H), 6.23 (d, J = 2.94 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (dd, J<sub>1</sub> = 1.96 Hz, J<sub>2</sub> = 8.80 Hz, 1H), 6.84

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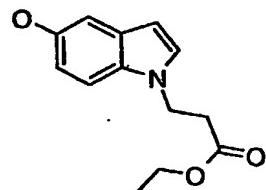
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(d,  $J = 2.45$  Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d,  $J = 8.80$  Hz, 1H), 7.19 (d,  $J = 2.94$  Hz, 2H); MS (ES, m/z) : C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>: 220.21(M'+1), 218.7(M'-1).

The following compounds are prepared in a manner substantially  
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**Preparation 132**

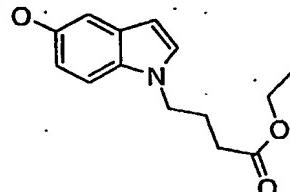
3-(5-Hydroxy-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid ethyl ester



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**Preparation 133**

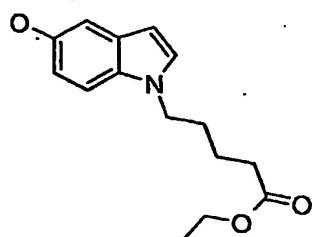
4-(5-Hydroxy-indol-1-yl)-butyric acid ethyl ester



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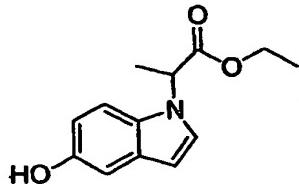
5-(5-Hydroxy-indol-1-yl)-pentanoic acid ethyl ester



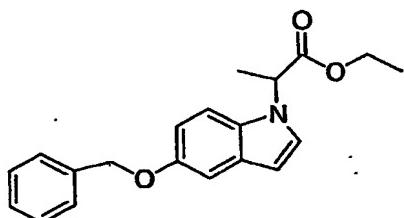
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**Preparation 135**

2-(5-Hydroxy-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid ethyl ester

**Step A**

2-(5-Benzyloxy-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid ethyl ester



- 5 To a mixture of NaH (60%, 4.92 g, 0.205 mol) in DMF (60 mL) is added 5-benzyloxyindole at 0~5 °C, then stirred 30 min. ethyl 2-bromopropionate is added dropwise, the mixture is allowed to warm to room temperature and heated at 70 °C overnight, cooled to room temperature, diluted with ethyl acetate, washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate. Concentration and column chromatography on silica gel eluted with hexanes and ethyl acetate yields the title compound (29 g).
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**Step B**

2-(5-Hydroxy-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid ethyl ester

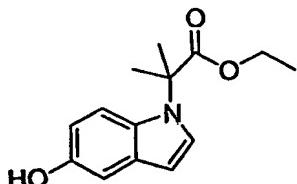
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A mixture of 2-(5-Benzyloxy-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid ethyl ester (16g) and Pd/C (5%, 1.93g) in ethanol (190 mL) is stirred under 60 PSI of hydrogen overnight. Filtration and concentration yields the title compound.

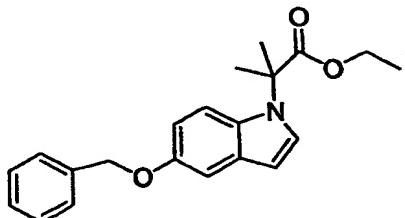
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**Preparation 136**

2-(5-Hydroxy-indol-1-yl)-2-methyl-propionic acid ethyl ester

**Step A**

- 25 2-(5-BenzylOxy-indol-1-yl)-2-methyl-propionic acid ethyl ester



To a solution of 2-(5-benzyloxy-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid ethyl ester (20 g, 61.5 mmol) in THF (180 mL) is added LDA (2.0 M toluene, 37 mL) dropwise at -78 °C. After the addition of LDA, the mixture is stirred for 30 min, then methyl iodide (8.77 g, 122.6 mmol) is added. The reaction mixture is allowed to warm to room temperature, after stirred for 2 hrs, quenched by water, extracted with ethyl acetate, dried over sodium sulfate. Concentration yields the title compound.

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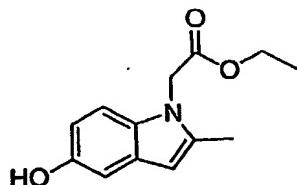
**Step B.**

2-(5-Hydroxy-indol-1-yl)-2-methyl-propionic acid ethyl ester

A mixture of 2-(5-benzyloxy-indol-1-yl)-2-methyl-propionic acid ethyl ester (15.6g) and Pd/C (5%, 1.93g) in ethanol (190 mL) is stirred under 60 PSI of hydrogen overnight. Filtration and concentration yields the title compound (11 g).

**Preparation 137**

20 (5-Hydroxy-2-methyl-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester

**Step A**

(5-Methoxy-2-methyl-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester

25 To a solution of 2-methyl-5-methoxylindole (5.10g, 31.6 mmol) in DMF (200 mL) is added sodium hydride (60%, 1.9 g, 47.4 mmol) at 0~5 °C, stirred for 30 min, ethyl 2-bromoacetate (8.35 g, 50 mmol) is added. After 2 hr at room temperature, the reaction is quenched by water, extracted with ether. Combined

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organic layers are washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate. Concentration yields the crude title product, which is used for next step without further purification.

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**Step B**

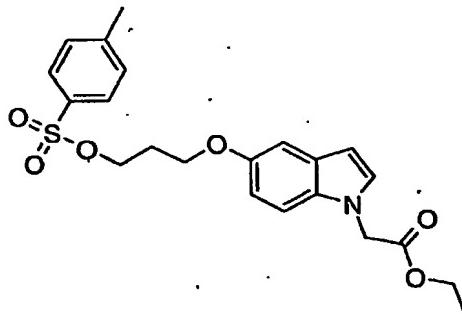
(5-hydroxy-2-methyl-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester

To a solution of (5-methoxy-2-methyl-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester (0.87 g, 3.51 mmol) in methylene chloride (25 mL) 10 is added BBr<sub>3</sub> (1.0 mL, 10.5 mmol) at -20 °C. After stirred at -20°C for 2 hrs, the reaction mixture is poured into ice, extracted with methylene chloride, dried over sodium sulfate. Concentration yields the crude title compound, which is used for next step without further purification.

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**Preparation 138**

{5-[3-(Toluene-4-sulfonyloxy)-propoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid ethyl ester



20 [5-(3-Hydroxy-propoxy)-indol-1-yl]-acetic acid ethyl ester (2.0 g, 6.55 mmol) is dissolved into anhydrous dichloromethane (DCM) (35 mL), then dimethylamino pridine (300 mg, 1.965 mmol), tosic anhydride (4.3 g, 13.1 mmol), and pyridine (2.3 mL, 23 mmol) are added. The reaction allowed to stir at room 25 temperature under nitrogen. Upon completion, the reaction is then diluted with DCM (100 mL) and saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (50 mL) is added and the two layers are separated in a separatory funnel. The organic layer is rinsed with water (2 X 75 mL) and brine (2 X 50 mL), then dried over

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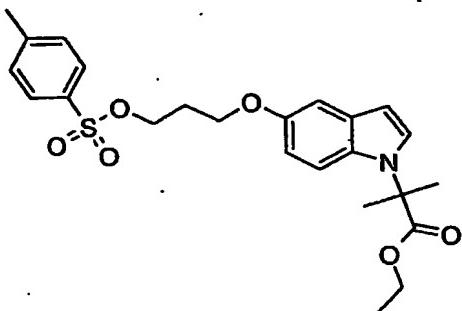
anhydrous magnesium sulfate. The organic layer is then concentrated and purified using flash column chromatography (5% EtOAc/Hexanes) to yield 1.92 g (64%) of the title compound.

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The following compounds are prepared in a similar manner:

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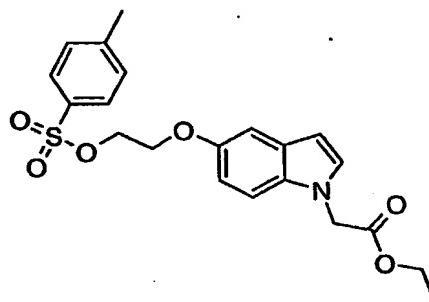
2-Methyl-2-{5-[3-(toluene-4-sulfonyloxy)-propoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid ethyl ester



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**Preparation 140**

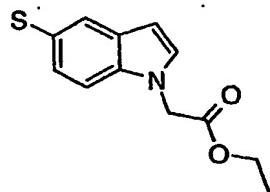
{5-[2-(Toluene-4-sulfonyloxy)-ethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid ethyl ester



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**Preparation 141**

(5-Mercapto-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester



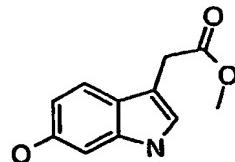
**Step A**

(5-Bromo-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester (2.0 g, 7.09 mmol) is dissolved into anhydrous tetrahydrofuran(THF) (10 mL) and the reaction vessel purged with nitrogen a few times.

- 5 Tetrakis triphenylphosphine palladium (175 mg, 0.15 mmol) is then added to the indole solution in one portion, purge again. Meanwhile, triisopropylsilylthiol (1.67 mL, 7.8 mmol) is dissolved in anhydrous THF (20 mL) and potassium hydride (0.483 mg, 7.8 mmol) is then slowly added. This mixture is  
 10 heated to 50°C for 4h. After this solution has cooled to room temperature, it is transferred to the indole solution via kannula. This solution is then heated to 70°C until the reaction is complete. Upon completion, the reaction is quenched carefully using water, then diluted with EtOAc (300 mL). Brine (100 mL) is added and the two layers are separated in a separatory funnel. The organic layer is rinsed with water (2 X 75 mL) and then dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. The organic layer is then concentrated and purified using flash column chromatography (5% EtOAc/Hexanes) to yield  
 15 1.3 g (50%) of (5-Triisopropylsilylulfanyl-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester.  
 (5-Triisopropylsilylulfanyl-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester (60 mg, 0.1621 mmol) is dissolved in n-methyl pyrrolidinone(NMP) (5 mL) and cesium fluoride (0.243 mmol) is  
 20 added. The reaction is allowed to stir at room temperature until complete. This solution may be used in the coupling step(next) without further purification.

**Preparation 142**

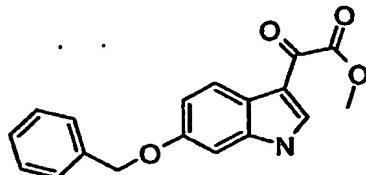
- 30 (6-Hydroxy-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid methyl ester

**Step A**

(6-Benzylxy-1H-indol-3-yl)-oxo-acetic acid methyl ester

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To a solution of 6-benzoxyindole (1.05 g, 4.7 mmol) in ether (8 mL) is added oxayl chloride (0.45 mL) at 0~5 °C, stirred for 2 hrs. The reaction mixture is cooled to -78 °C, sodium 5 methoxide (25 %w/w in methanol, 2.4 mL) is added, warmed up to room temperature, quenched by water. Solid product is collected by filtration, washed by water and dried under vacuum.

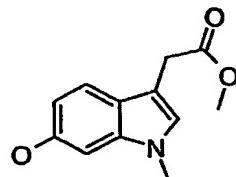
**Step B**

10 (6-Hydroxy-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid methyl ester  
A mixture of (6-benzyloxy-1H-indol-3-yl)-oxo-acetic acid methyl ester (1.45 g, 4.7 mmol) and Pd/C (10 %, 0.9 g) in dioxane (38 mL) is degassed and filled with nitrogen for three times, then a solution of NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>2</sub> (6 g) in water (5 mL) is 15 added dropwise at 100 °C. The reaction mixture is heated overnight, filtered through celite and concentrated. The residue is taken into ethyl acetate, washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate. Concentration and column chromatography on silica gel yields the title compound (600 mg).

The following compounds is made in a similar manner:

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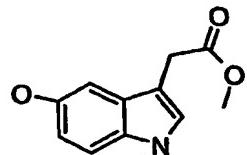
25 (6-Hydroxy-1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid methyl ester

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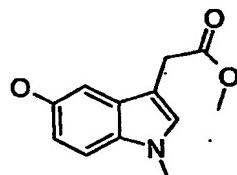
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**Preparation 145**

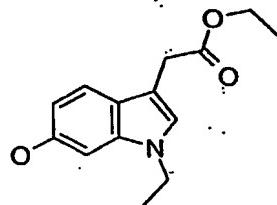
(5-Hydroxy-1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid methyl ester



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**Preparation 146**

(1-Ethyl-6-hydroxy-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester



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**Step A**

To a solution of (6-Benzyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-oxo-acetic acid ethyl ester (3.0 g, 9.7 mmol) in anhydrous dimethyl formamide (50 mL) at 0°C under nitrogen is added sodium hydride (0.600 g, 14.5 mmol) in small portions. The reaction is allowed to warm to room temperature slowly and monitored by TLC. Upon complete conversion, the reaction is cooled back down to 0°C and ethyl bromide (1.5 mL, 20 mmol) is slowly added to the slurry. The reaction is allowed to warm slowly to room temperature and monitored by TLC. After complete consumption of the starting material, the reaction is quenched with water, then diluted with ethyl acetate, and the two phases are separated. The organic layer is washed, dried, filtered and concentrated. The crude (6-Benzyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-oxo-acetic acid ethyl ester (0.843 g, 2.40 mmol), 25% yield, is further purified using flash column chromatography.

**Step B**

(6-Benzyl-1-ethyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-oxo-acetic acid ethyl ester (0.843 g, 2.40 mmol) is dissolved in anhydrous dioxane (10 mL) then purged and back filled with nitrogen a few times.

5 Palladium on carbon(10%) (0.200 g, 20% by wt.) is added and the reaction followed by heating to reflux. Slow addition of a saturated solution of sodium hypophosphite is initiated and the reaction is monitored by TLC. After the starting material is completely consumed, the reaction is allowed to cool to room temperature, diluted with dichloromethane and celite added. The mixture is filtered through a plug of celite and the two phases are separated. The organic layer is washed with water and brine, dried over sodium sulfate, then concentrated.

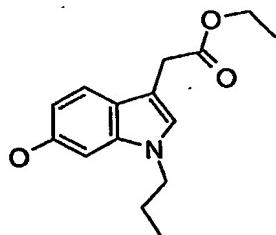
10 The residue is further purified using flash column chromatography. The (1-Ethyl-6-hydroxy-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester (0.564 g, 2.28 mmol) is formed in 95% yield.

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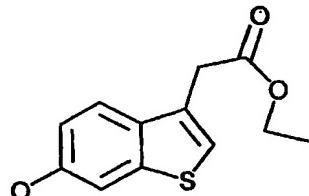
The following compound is made in a similar manner:

**Preparation 147**

20 (1-propyl-6-hydroxy-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester

**Preparation 148**

(6-Hydroxy-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester



4-(3-Methoxy-phenylsulfanyl)-3-oxo-butyric acid ethyl ester

Ethyl 4-chloroacetoacetate (32.6 g, 0.188 mol), 3-methoxythiophenol (25.1g, 0.179 mol) and DMF (700 mL) are combined and degassed by bubbling nitrogen through the stirred mixture for about 10 min, then potassium carbonate (50g, 0.36 mol) is added to the stirred mixture in one batch. This mixture is stirred under nitrogen at room temperature for 2 h, the mixture is filtered to remove potassium carbonate, then diluted with ethyl acetate. The resulting solution is washed with water, then 5% aq. NaCl. The combined organics are 10 washed with brine, dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . Concentration yields the title compound as yellow liquid. This material is used without purification.

**Step B**

15 (6-Methoxy-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester

4-(3-Methoxy-phenylsulfanyl)-3-oxo-butyric acid ethyl ester (10.0 g) is added to pre-cooled methanesulfonic acid (60 mL) at 0~5 °C, then the reaction mixture is allowed to warm to room 20 temperature. After 1 h, the mixture is diluted with ice water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organics are washed with brine, dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , concentrated. Chromatography on silica gel eluted with hexanes and ethyl acetate yields (6-methoxy-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester (4.8 g) and (4-methoxy-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester (0.8 g)

**Step C**

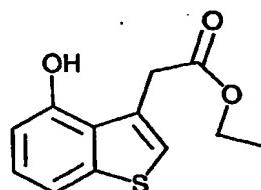
(6-hydroxy-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester

30 To a solution of (6-Methoxy-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester (2.4 g, 9.6 mmol) in methylene chloride (60 mL) is added BBr<sub>3</sub> (1.0 M, heptane, 29.4 mL, 29.4 mmol) at -20 ~ -30 °C. The reaction mixture is allowed to warm to room temperature 35 over 2 hrs, and TLC indicated clean conversion. The reaction is quenched by ice water, extracted with methylene chloride, dried over sodium sulfate, concentrated. Column chromatography

on silica gel eluted with hexanes/ethyl acetate yields the title compound (2.2 g).

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- 5 (4-Hydroxy-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester

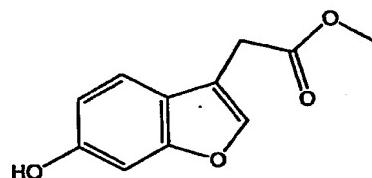


To a solution of (4-Methoxy-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester (0.7 g, 2.8 mmol) in methylene chloride (18 mL) is added BBr<sub>3</sub> (1.0 M, heptane, 8.6 mL, 8.6 mmol) at -20 ~ -30 °C.

- 10 The reaction mixture is allowed to warm to room temperature over 2 hrs, and TLC indicated clean conversion. The reaction is quenched by ice water, extracted with methylene chloride, dried over sodium sulfate, concentrated. Column chromatography on silica gel eluted with hexanes/ethyl acetate yields the  
15 title compound (0.4 g).

#### Preparation 150

- (6-Hydroxy-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid methyl ester



- 20 A mixture of 6-hydroxy-(2H)-benzofuran-3-one (5.0 g, 33.3 mmol), methyl (triphenylphosphoranylidene)acetate (25.0 g, 73 mmol), and xylenes (100 mL) is refluxed 6 hr. The reaction is concentrated and diluted with enough 1M aqueous hydrochloric acid to adjust pH to 2-3. The product is extracted into ethyl acetate (3 X 100 mL). The combined extracts are dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated. The residue is purified via silica chromatography eluting with 7:3 hexanes:ethyl acetate to afford the product as a orange oil,  
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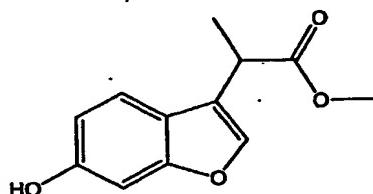
1.3 g, 20%. MS M<sup>+</sup>+1 207. The structure is confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy.

The following compound is made in a similar manner:

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#### **Preparation 151**

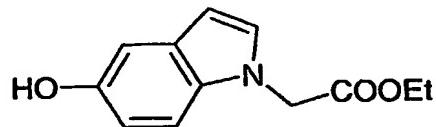
2-(6-Hydroxy-benzofuran-3-yl)-propionic acid methyl ester



10 An orange oil. MS M<sup>+</sup>+1 221. The structure is confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy.

#### **Preparation 152**

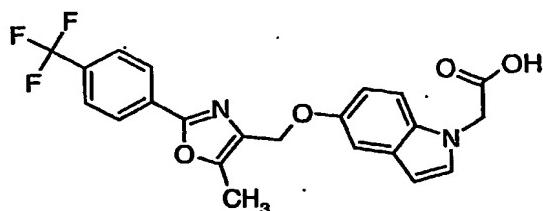
15 (5-Hydroxy-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester



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#### **Example 1**

{5-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid



**Step 1**

(5-Hydroxy-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester (109 mg, 0.500 mmol) is dissolved into anhydrous acetonitrile(ACN) (2 mL). Cesium carbonate (326 mg, 1.00 mmol) is added to the reaction, followed by the addition of 4-Chloromethyl-5-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazole (135 mg, 0.490 mmol). The reaction is allowed to stir under nitrogen at room temperature and monitored by TLC and HPLC. Upon complete consumption of the chloride, the reaction is diluted with diethyl ether and quenched with 0.1N NaOH. The two phases are separated, then the organic layer washed with water and brine. The organic phase is dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated under vacuum. The residue is further purified using either EtOAc/Hexanes(1:9) or Acetone/Hexanes(1:9) gradients on silica gel chromatography to yield {5-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid ethyl ester (157 mg, 0.343 mmol) or 70%.

**Step 2**

{5-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid ethyl ester (157 mg, 0.343 mmol) is dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (1mL) and 5N NaOH (1mL) is added. The mixture is heated to reflux until the conversion is complete. Upon complete conversion, the reaction is cooled to room temperature and 5N HCl (1mL) is added. The mixture is diluted with diethyl ether and extracted with 1N HCl. The organic layer is washed with water and brine, then dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. Concentration of the solvent reveals the pure {5-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid in near quantitative yield (140 mg, 0.326 mmol).

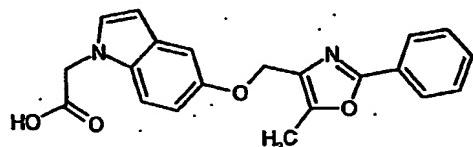
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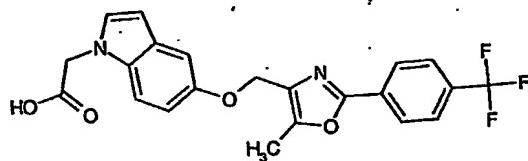
**Example 2**

{5-[5-Methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid

5 MS (ES) : 363.22 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) .**Example 3**

{5-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid

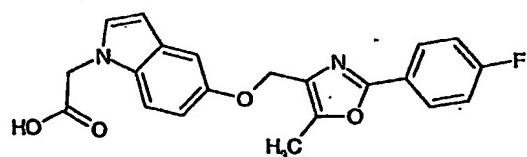
10 acid

MS (ES) : 431.16 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) .

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**Example 4**

{5-[2-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid

MS (ES) : 381.17 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) .

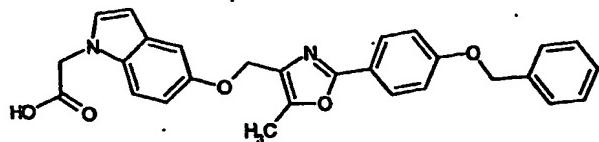
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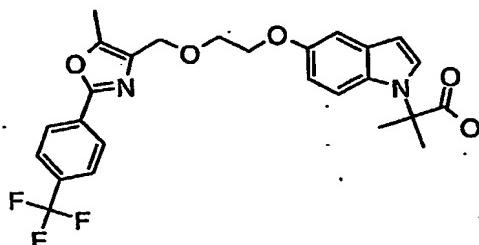
{5-[2-(4-Benzyl-phenyl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid

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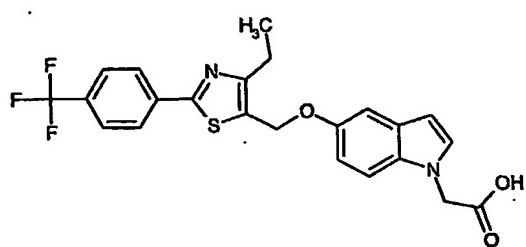
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MS (ES) : 469.17 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) .**Example 6**

- 5 2-Methyl-2-(5-{2-[2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid

MS (ES) : 503.03 ( $M^+ + 1$ )**Example 7**

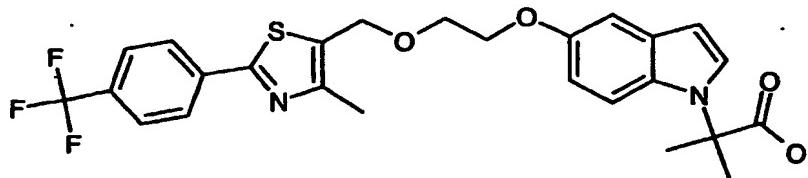
- 10 {5-[4-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid

MS (ES) : 461.0 ( $M^+ + 1$ )**Example 8**

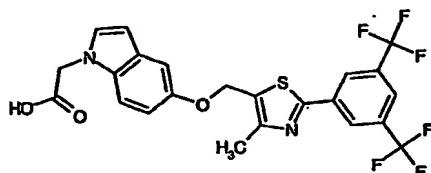
- 15 2-Methyl-2-(5-{2-[4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid

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MS (ES) : 519.62 ( $M^+ + 1$ ).**Example 9**

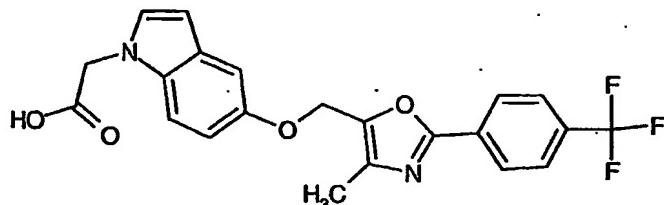
- 5 {5-[2-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid

MS (ES) : 514.93 ( $M^+ + 1$ ).

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**Example 10**

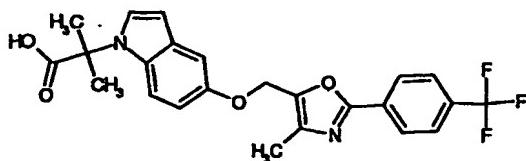
- {5-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid

15 MS (ES) : 431.03 ( $M^+ + 1$ ).**Example 11**

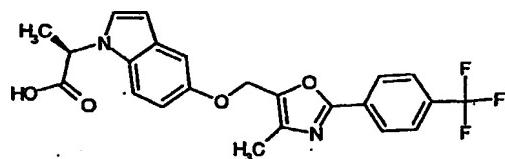
- 2-Methyl-2-{5-[4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid

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MS (ES) : 459.03 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) .**Example 12**

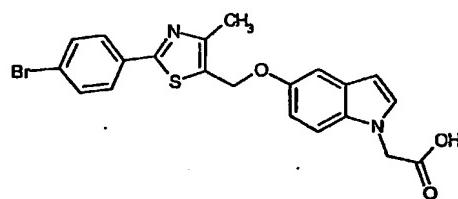
- 5   **Racemic 2-{5-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid**

MS (ES) : 445.04 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) .

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**Example 13**

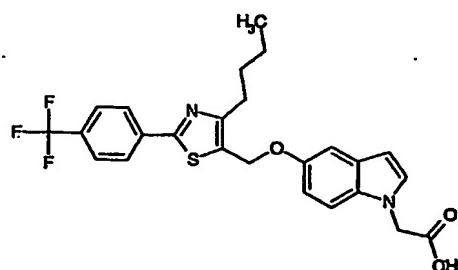
- {5-[2-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid**

MS (ES) : 454.89 ( $M^+ - 1$ ) .

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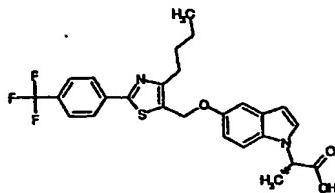
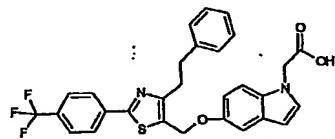
**Example 14**

- {5-[4-Butyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid**

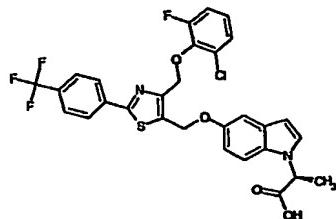


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MS (ES) : 488.99 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) .**Example 15****2-[5-[4-Butyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl]-****5 propionic acid**MS (ES) : 503.00 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) .**Example 16****10 {5-[4-Phenethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid**MS (ES) : 537.0 ( $M^+ + H$ ) .

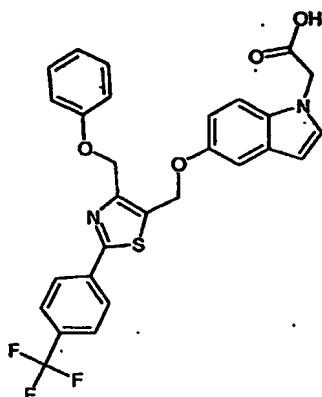
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**Example 17****2-{5-[4-(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenoxy)methyl]-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid**20 MS (ES) : 604.85 ( $M^+ + H$ ) .**Example 18**

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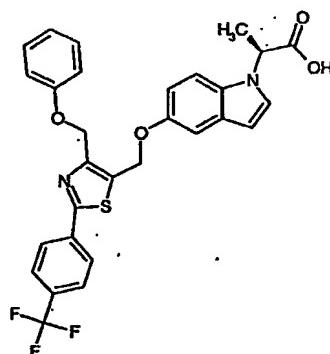
**{5-[4-Phenoxyethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid**

MS (ES) : 538.92 ( $M^+ + H$ )

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**Example 19**

Racemic 2-Methyl-2-{5-[4-phenoxyethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid

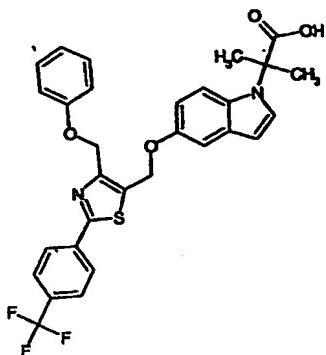
10 MS (ES) : 552.93 ( $M^+ + H$ )

**Example 20**

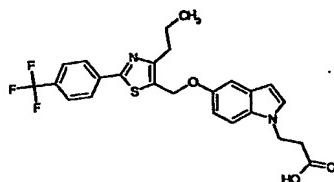
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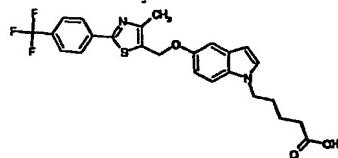
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MS (ES) : 565.15 (M<sup>+</sup>-H).**Example 21**

- 5 3-{5-[4-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid

MS (ES) : 487.53 (M<sup>+</sup>-H).**Example 22**

- 10 5-{5-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-pentanoic acid

MS (ES) : 488.99 (M<sup>+</sup>+H).

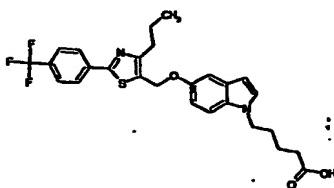
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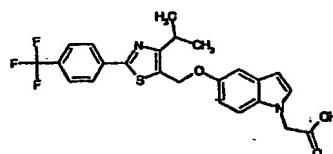
- 5-{5-[4-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-pentanoic acid

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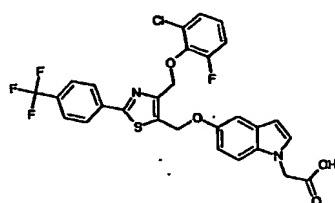
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MS (ES) : 515.1 (M<sup>+</sup>-H).**Example 24**

5 {5-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid

MS (ES) : 473.01 (M<sup>+</sup>-H).**Example 25**

10 {5-[4-(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenoxy-methyl)-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid

MS (ES) : 588.11 (M<sup>+</sup>-H).

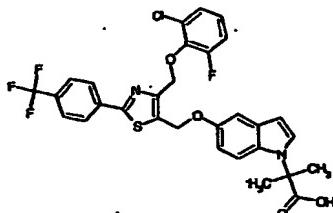
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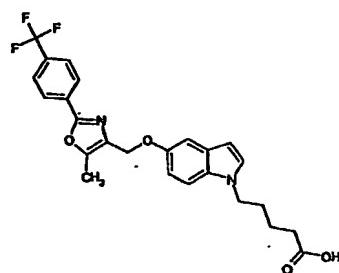
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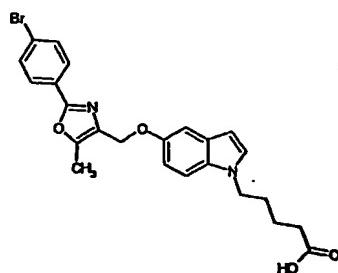
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MS (ES) : 617.15 ( $M^+ - H$ ) .**Example 27**

- 5 5-{5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-pentanoic acid

MS (ES) : 471.18 ( $M^+ - H$ ) .**Example 28**

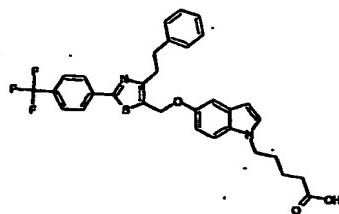
- 10 5-{5-[2-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-pentanoic acid

MS (ES) : 483.12 ( $M^+ - H$ ) .**Example 29**

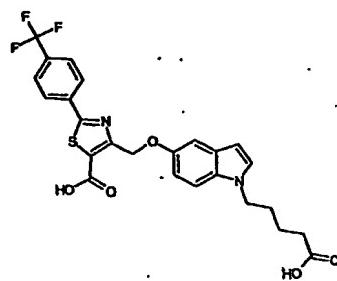
- 15 5-{5-[4-Phenethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-pentanoic acid

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MS (ES) : 579.65 ( $M^+ + H$ ) .**Example 30**

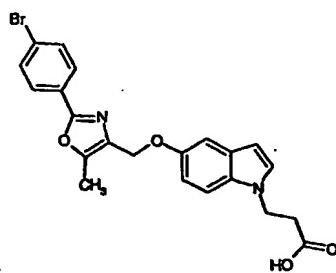
- 5 4-[1-(4-Carboxy-butyl)-1H-indol-5-yloxymethyl]-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazole-5-carboxylic acid

MS (ES) : 517.1 ( $M^+ - H$ ) .

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**Example 31**

- 3-{5-[2-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid

MS (ES) : 456.30 ( $M^+ + H$ ) .

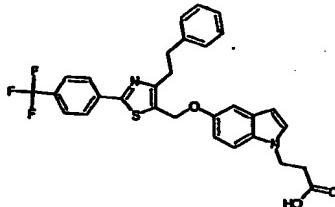
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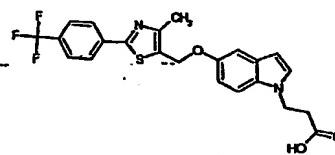
- 3-{5-[4-Phenethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid

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MS (ES) : 549.1 (M<sup>+</sup>-H) .**Example 33**

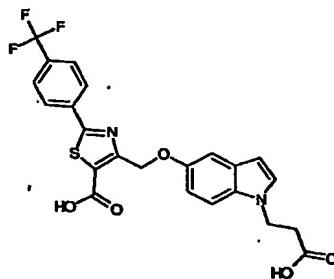
5   **3-{5-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid**

MS (ES) : 459.1 (M<sup>+</sup>-H) .

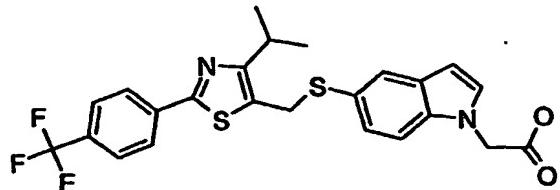
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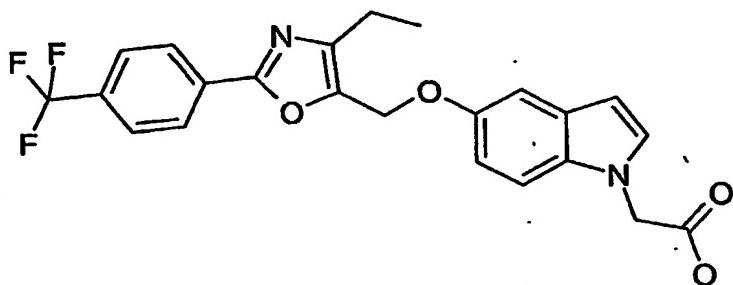
**4-[1-(2-Carboxy-ethyl)-1H-indol-5-yloxymethyl]-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazole-5-carboxylic acid**

15    MS (ES) : 487.07 (M<sup>+</sup>-H) .**Example 35**

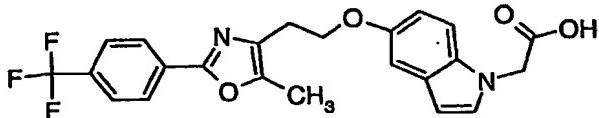
**{5-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethylsulfanyl]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid**

MS (ES): 491.15 (M'+H)<sup>+</sup>.**EXAMPLE 36**

- 5 {5-[4-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid

MS [EI+] 445 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>, 443 (M+H)<sup>-</sup>.**Example 37**

- 10 (5-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid

**Step 1**

- (5-Hydroxy-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester (109 mg, 0.500 mmol) is dissolved into anhydrous acetonitrile (ACN) (2 mL). Toluene-4-sulfonic acid 2-[5-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-ethyl ester (208 mg, 0.490 mmol) is added to the reaction, followed by the addition of cesium carbonate (326 mg, 1.00 mmol). The reaction is allowed to stir under nitrogen at room temperature and monitored by TLC and HPLC. Upon complete consumption of the tosylate, the reaction is diluted with

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diethyl ether and quenched with 0.1N NaOH. The two phases are separated, then the organic layer washed with water and brine. The organic phase is dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated under vacuum. The residue is

- 5 further purified using either EtOAc/Hexanes(1:9) or Acetone/Hexanes(1:9) gradients on silica gel chromatography to yield (5-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester (162 mg, 0.343 mmol) or 70%.

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**Step 2**

- (5-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester (330 mg, 0.343 mmol) is dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (1mL) and 5N NaOH (1mL) is added. The mixture is heated to reflux until the conversion is complete. Upon complete conversion, the reaction is cooled to room temperature and 5N HCl (1mL) is added. The mixture is diluted with diethyl ether and extracted with 1N HCl. The organic layer is washed with water and brine, then dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. Concentration of the solvent reveals the pure (5-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid in near quantitative yield (145 mg, 0.326 mmol).

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The following compounds are made in a substantially similar manner:

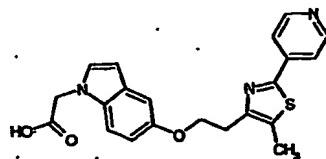
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**Example 38**

{5-[2-(5-Methyl-2-pyridin-4-yl-thiazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid

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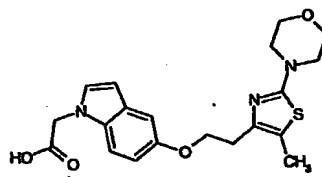
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MS (ES) : 394.20 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) .

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**Example 39**

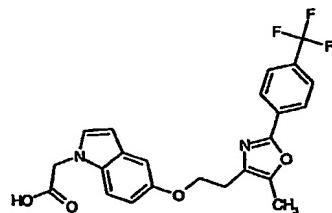
(5-[2-(5-Methyl-2-morpholin-4-yl-thiazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid

MS (ES) : 400.0 ( $M^+ - H$ ) .

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**Example 40**

(5-[2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy]-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid



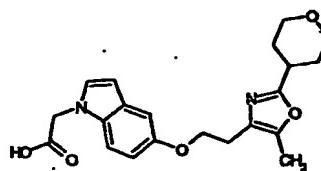
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MS (ES) : 443.1 ( $M^+ - H$ ) .**Example 41**

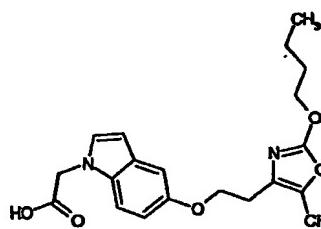
20 (5-[2-[5-Methyl-2-(tetrahydro-pyran-4-yl)-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy]-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid

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MS (ES) : 385.0 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) .**Example 42**

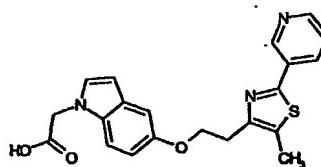
5 {5-[2-(2-Butoxy-5-methyl-oxazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid

MS (ES) : 373.21 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) .

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**Example 43**

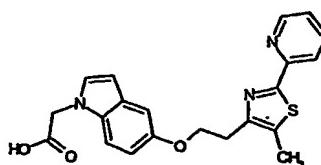
{5-[2-(5-Methyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-thiazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid

MS (ES) : 394.1 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) .

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**Example 44**

{5-[2-(5-Methyl-2-pyridin-2-yl-thiazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid

MS (ES) : 394.1 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) .

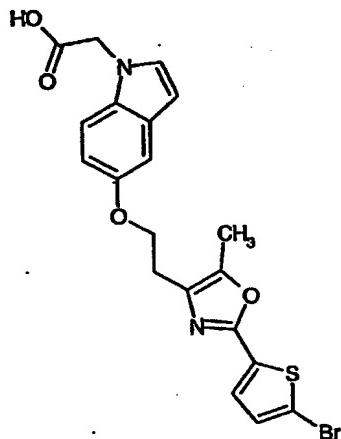
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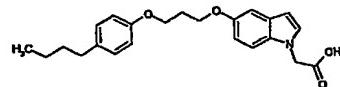
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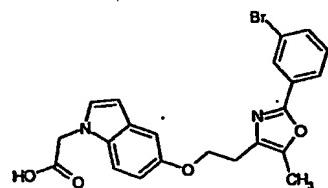
**(5-[2-(5-Bromo-thiophen-2-yl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid**

MS (ES) : 463.0 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) .

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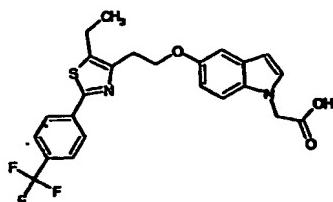
**Example 46****{5-[3-(4-Butyl-phenoxy)-propoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid**MS (ES) : 382.2 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) .

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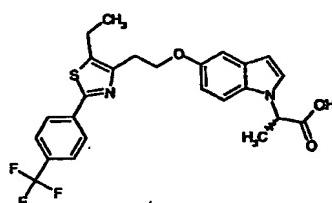
**Example 47****(5-[2-(3-Bromo-phenyl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid**15 MS (ES) : 454.99 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) .**Example 48****(5-[2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid**

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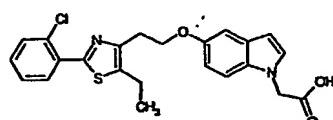
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MS (ES) : 473.03 ( $M^+ - 1$ ) .**Example 49**

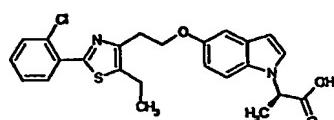
- 5 2-(5-{2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid

MS (ES) : 488.99 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) .**Example 50**

- 10 (5-{2-[2-(2-Chloro-phenyl)-5-ethyl-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid

MS (ES) : 441.00 ( $M^+ + H$ ) .**Example 51**

- 15 2-(5-{2-[2-(2-Chloro-phenyl)-5-ethyl-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid

MS (ES) : 455.02 ( $M^+ + H$ ) .

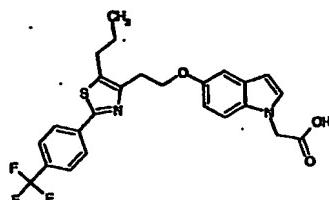
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**Example 52**

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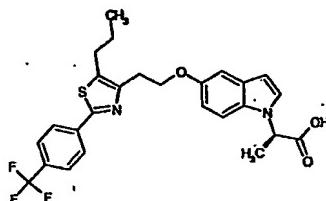
**(5-[2-[5-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy]-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid**

MS (ES) : 489.02 ( $M^+ + H$ ) .

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**Example 53**

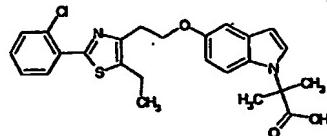
**2-(5-[2-[5-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy]-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid**



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MS (ES) : 503.03 ( $M^+ + H$ ) .**Example 54**

**2-(5-[2-[2-Chloro-phenyl]-5-ethyl-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy)-indol-1-yl)-2-methyl-propionic acid**

MS (ES) : 470.8 ( $M^+ + H$ ) .

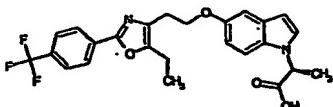
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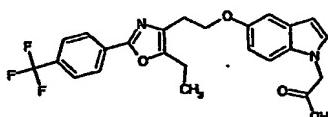
**Racemic 2-(5-[2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy]-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid**

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MS (ES) : 473.0 (M<sup>+</sup>+H) .**Example 56**

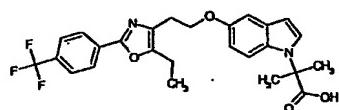
5 (5-{2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid

MS (ES) : 459.0 (M<sup>+</sup>+H) .

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**Example 57**

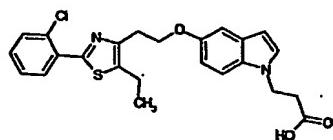
2-(5-{2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-2-methyl-propionic acid

MS (ES) : 487.53 (M<sup>+</sup>+H) .

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**Example 58**

3-(5-{2-[2-Chloro-phenyl]-5-ethyl-thiazol-4-yl}-ethoxy)-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid

MS (ES) : 455.22 (M<sup>+</sup>-H) .

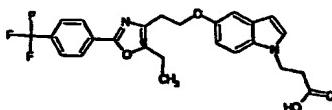
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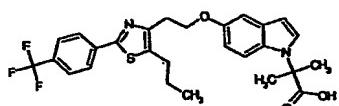
3-(5-{2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid

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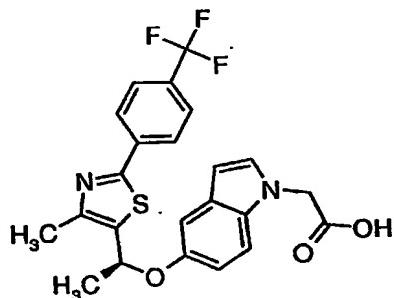
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MS (ES) : 471.15 (M<sup>+</sup>-H).**Example 60**

- 5 2-Methyl-2-(5-{2-[5-propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid

MS (ES) : 515.03 (M<sup>+</sup>-H).**Example 61**

- 10 Racemic-(5-{1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid

**Step 1**

- 15 1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethanol (373 mg, 1.3 mmol) is dissolved into anhydrous toluene (10 mL) and cooled in an ice bath to 0°C with stirring under nitrogen. Tributyl phosphine (500  $\mu$ L, 2.00 mmol) is added by syringe followed by 1-1'-azodicarbonyl-dipiperidine (505 mg, 2.00 mmol). Finally, 5-hydroxy-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester (438 mg, 2.00 mmol) is then added. The reaction is allowed to stir under nitrogen at 0°C for 1 hour, then room temperature and monitored by TLC and HPLC. Upon completion, the reaction is diluted with

hexanes and allowed to stir vigorously for 10 min. The resulting white precipitate is then filtered away and the solution is concentrated under vacuum. The residue is further purified using either EtOAc/Hexanes(1:9) or

5 Acetone/Hexanes(1:9) gradients on silica gel chromatography to yield (5-{1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester (254 mg, 0.520 mmol) or 40%.

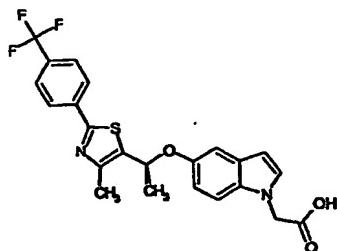
**Step 2**

- 10 5-{1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester (254 mg, 0.520 mmol) is dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (1mL) and 5N NaOH (1mL) is added. The mixture is heated to reflux until the conversion is complete. Upon complete conversion, the
- 15 reaction is cooled to room temperature and 5N HCl (1mL) is added. The mixture is diluted with diethyl ether and extracted with 1N HCl. The organic layer is washed with water and brine, then dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. Concentration of the solvent reveals the pure (5-{1-[4-
- 20 Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid in near quantitative yield (227 mg, 0.494 mmol).

The following compounds are made in a substantially similar  
25 manner:

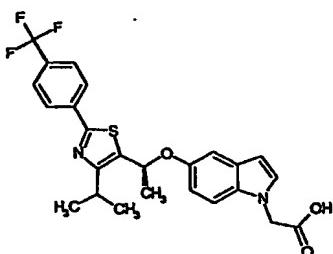
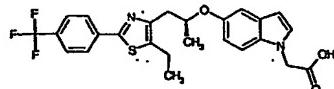
**Example 62**

**Racemic-(5-{1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid**

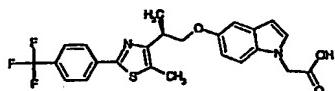


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MS (ES) : 461.2 ( $M^+ + H$ ) .**Example 63****Racemic-(5-{1-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-****5 1-yl)-acetic acid**MS (ES) : 489.54 ( $M^+ + H$ ) .**Example 64****10 Racemic-(5-{2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-1-methyl-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid**MS (ES) : 489.2 ( $M^+ + H$ ) .

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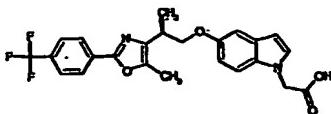
**Example 65****Racemic-(5-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid**MS (ES) : 475.22 ( $M^+ + H$ ) .

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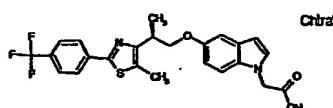
**Example 66****(5-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid**

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MS (ES) : 459.21 ( $M^+ + H$ ) .**Example 67**

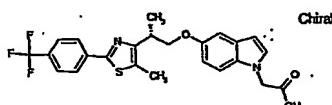
- 5 (S)-(5-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid

MS (ES) : 459.21 ( $M^+ + H$ ) .

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**Example 68**

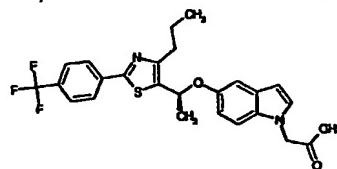
- (R)-(5-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid

MS (ES) : 459.21 ( $M^+ + H$ ) .

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**Example 69**

- Racemic-(5-{1-[4-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid

MS (ES) : 489.56 ( $M^+ + H$ ) .

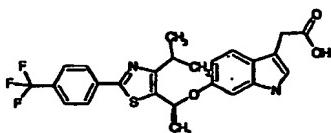
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**Example 70**

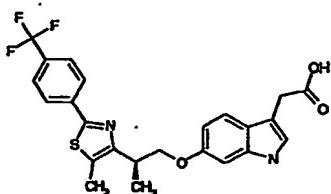
- Racemic-(6-{1-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid

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MS (ES) : 489.2 ( $M^+ + H$ ) .**Example 71**

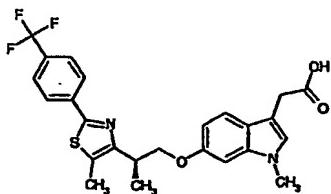
5   **Racemic-(6-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid**

MS (ES) : 475.20 ( $M^{++} + H$ ) .

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**Example 72**

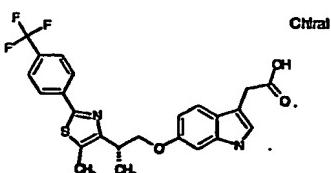
**Racemic-(1-Methyl-6-{2-[5-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic**

MS (ES) : 489.2 ( $M^+ + H$ ) .

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**Example 73**

**(S)-(6-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid**

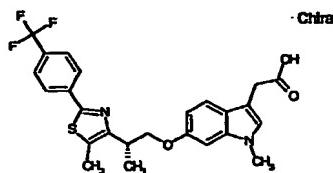
20    MS (ES) : 475.20 ( $M^+ + H$ ) .

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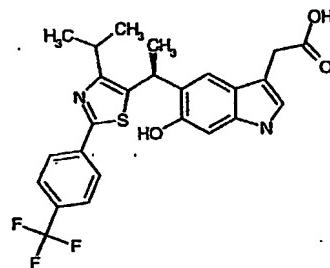
**(S)-(6-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid**



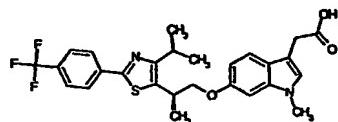
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MS (ES) : 489.2 ( $M^+ + H$ ) .**Example 75**

**Racemic-(6-Hydroxy-5-{1-[4-isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethyl}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid**

MS (ES) : 489.09 ( $M^+ + H$ ) .**Example 76**

**15 (6-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid**

MS (ES) : 517.1 ( $M^+ + H$ ) .

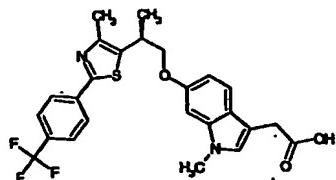
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**Example 77**

**(1-Methyl-6-{2-[4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid**

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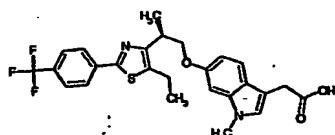
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MS (ES) : 489.06 ( $M^+ + H$ ) .

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**Example 78**

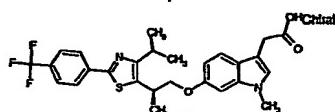
(6-{2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid

MS (ES) : 503.1 ( $M^+ + H$ ) .

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**Example 79**

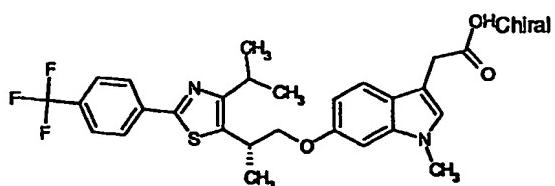
(R)-(6-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid



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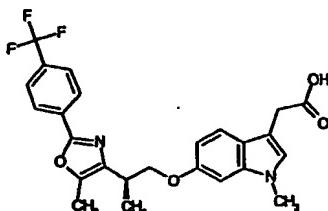
MS (ES) : 517.12 ( $M^{++} + H$ ) .**Example 80**

(S)-(6-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid

MS (ES) : 517.12 ( $M^+ + H$ ) .

**Example 81**

**Racemic-(1-Methyl-6-{2-[4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid**

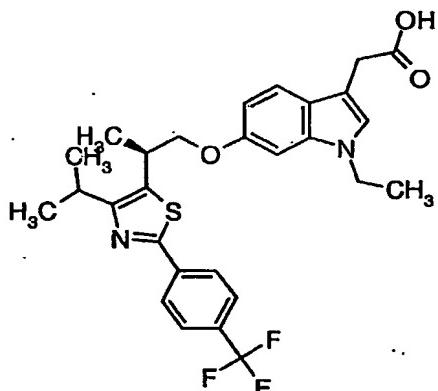


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MS (ES) : 473.12 ( $M^+ + H$ ) .**Example 82**

**Racemic-(1-Ethyl-6-{2-[4-isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-**

10 **propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid**

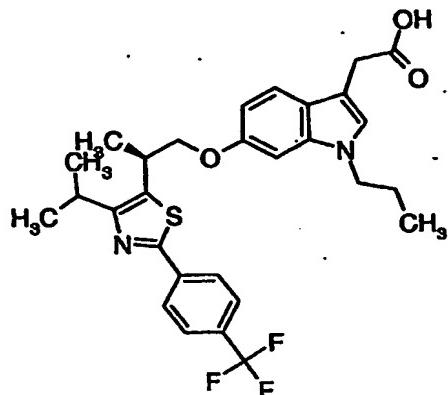
MS (ES) : 531.2 ( $M^+ + H$ ) .**Example 83**

15 **Racemic-(6-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-1-**

**propyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid**

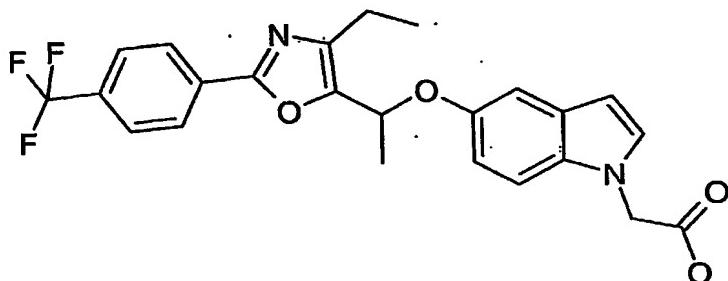
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MS (ES) : 545.65 (M<sup>+</sup>+H)

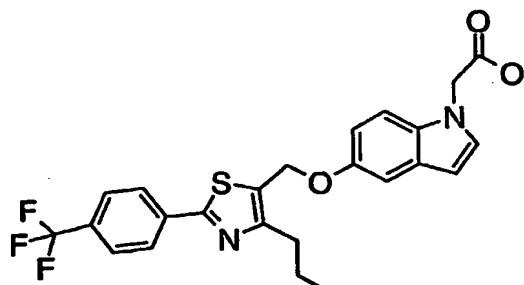
## EXAMPLE 84

5      **Racemic-(5-{1-[4-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid**

MS [EI+] 459 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>, 457 (M+H)<sup>-</sup>.

## Example 85

10      **{5-[4-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid**



Step A

{5-[4-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid ethyl ester

To a solution of 5-Chloromethyl-4-propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazole (160 mg, 0.5 mmol) and (5-Hydroxy-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester (110 mg, 0.5 mmol) in acetonitrile (3 mL) is added Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (325 mg, 1 mmol). The mixture is stirred at room temperature over night, quenched by water, extracted with ethyl acetate, dried over sodium sulfate. Concentration yields the crude product.

**Step B**

{5-[4-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid

To a solution of {5-[4-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid ethyl ester from step A in ethanol (2 mL) is added NaOH (5.0 M, 1 mL). After heated at 50 °C for 2hrs, ethanol is evaporated. The residue is diluted with water, acidified with 5 N HCl, extracted with ether, dried over sodium sulfate. Concentration and purification by reversed phase HPLC (acetone/water/TFA as eluents) yields the title compound (120 mg). MS (ES): 473.0(M<sup>+</sup>-1); the structure is also confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

The following compounds are made in a similar manner, all structures are confirmed by MS and proton NMR:

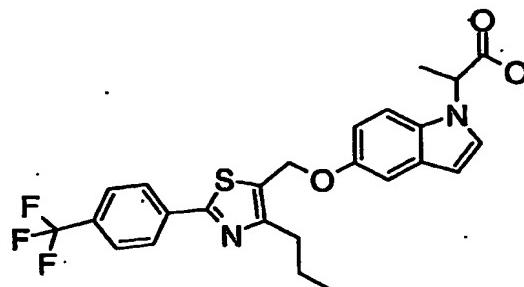
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**Example 86**

Racemic-2-{5-[4-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid

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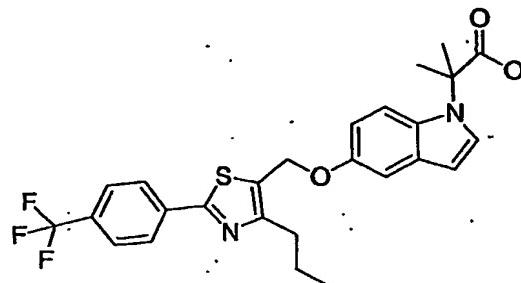


MS (ES): 489.0 ( $M^+ + 1$ ); the structure is also confirmed by  $^1H$  NMR.

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**Example 87**

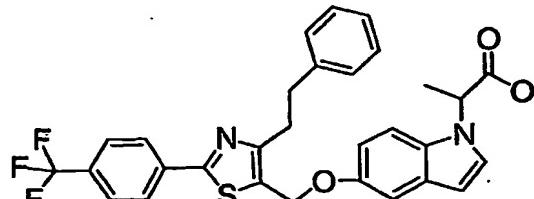
**2-Methyl-2-{5-[4-propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid**



MS (ES): 503.0 ( $M^+ + 1$ ); the structure is also confirmed by  $^1H$  NMR.

**Example 88**

**Racemic-2-{5-[4-Phenethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid**



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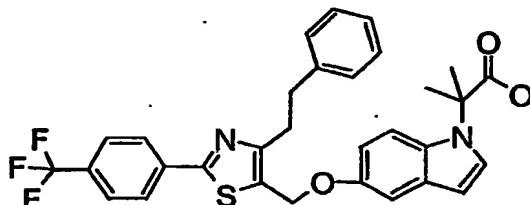
MS (ES): 551.0 ( $M^+ + 1$ ); the structure is also confirmed by  $^1H$  NMR.

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**Example 89**

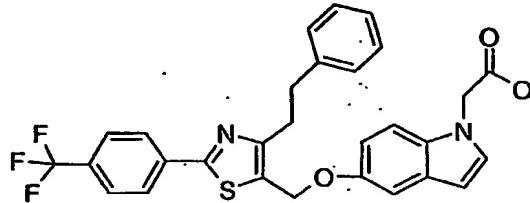
**2-Methyl-2-{5-[4-phenethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid**



5 MS (ES): 565.0 ( $M^+ + 1$ ); the structure is also confirmed by  $^1H$  NMR.

**Example 90**

**{5-[4-Phenethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid**

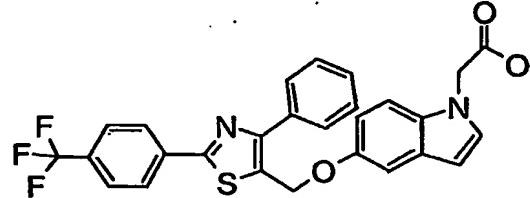


MS (ES): 537.0 ( $M^+ + 1$ ); the structure is also confirmed by  $^1H$  NMR.

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**Example 91**

**{5-[4-Phenyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid**



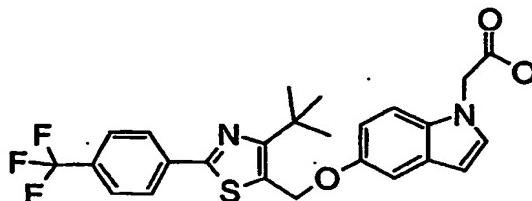
20 MS (ES): 509.1 ( $M^+ + 1$ ); the structure is also confirmed by  $^1H$  NMR.

**Example 92**

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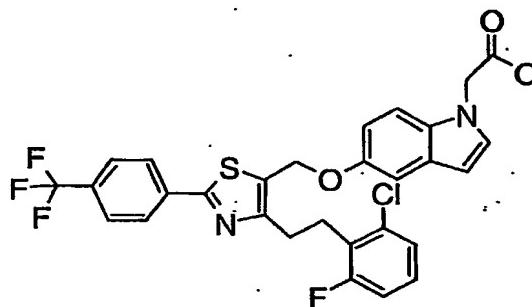
**{5-[4-tert-Butyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid**



MS (ES): 489.2 ( $M^+ + 1$ ); the structure is also confirmed by  $^1H$  NMR.

**Example 93**

**{5-[4-[2-(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenyl)-ethyl]-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid**

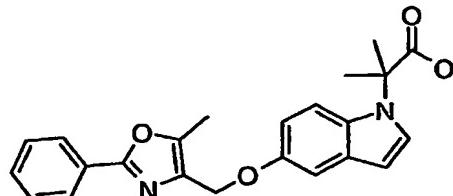


MS (ES): 589.1 ( $M^+ + 1$ ,  $^{35}Cl$ ), 591.2 ( $M^+ + 1$ ,  $^{37}Cl$ ); the structure is also confirmed by  $^1H$  NMR.

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**Example 94**

**2-Methyl-2-[5-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy)-indol-1-yl]-propionic acid**



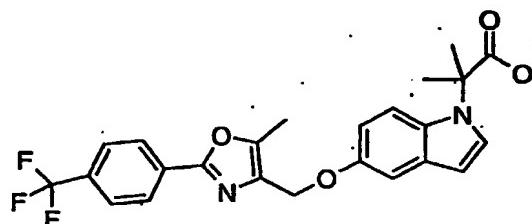
MS (ES): 391.2 ( $M^+ + 1$ ); the structure is also confirmed by  $^1H$  NMR.

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**Example 95**

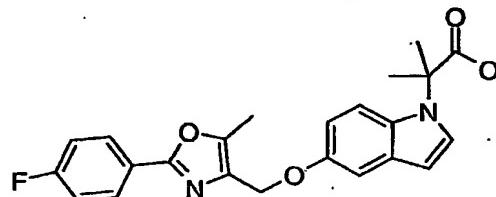
**2-[5-[2-(4-Trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl]-2-methyl-propionic acid**



5 MS (ES): 459.11 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) ; the structure is also confirmed by  $^1H$  NMR.

**Example 96**

10 **2-[5-[2-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl]-2-methyl-propionic acid**

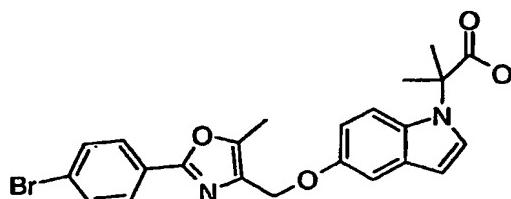


MS (ES): 409.13 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) ; the structure is also confirmed by  $^1H$  NMR.

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**Example 97**

**2-[5-[2-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl]-2-methyl-propionic acid**



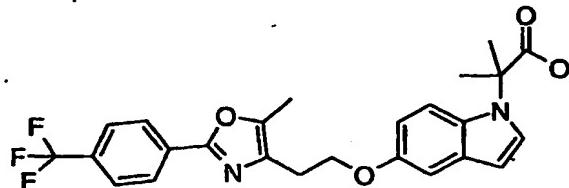
20 MS (ES): 485.0 ( $M^+ + 1$ ,  $^{79}Br$ ), 487.0 ( $M^+ + 1$ ,  $^{81}Br$ ) ; the structure is also confirmed by  $^1H$  NMR.

**Example 98**

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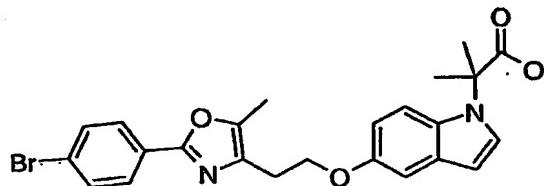
**2-Methyl-2-(5-{2-[5-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid**



MS (ES): 473.12 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) ; the structure is also confirmed by  $^1H$  NMR.

**Example 99**

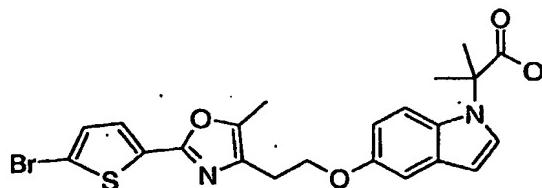
**2-(5-{2-[2-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-2-methyl-propionic acid**



MS (ES): 483.0 ( $M^+ + 1$ ,  $^{79}Br$ ), 485.0 ( $M^+ + 1$ ,  $^{81}Br$ ) ; the structure is also confirmed by  $^1H$  NMR.

**Example 100**

**2-(5-{2-[2-(5-Bromo-thiophen-2-yl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-2-methyl-propionic acid**



MS (ES): 489 ( $M^+ + 1$ ,  $^{79}Br$ ), 491.0 ( $M^+ + 1$ ,  $^{81}Br$ ) ; the structure is also confirmed by  $^1H$  NMR.

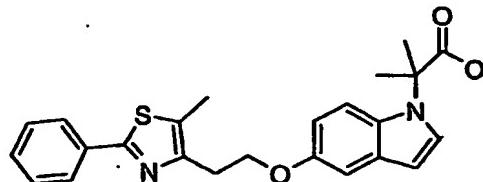
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**Example 101**

**2-Methyl-2-{5-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-thiazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid**

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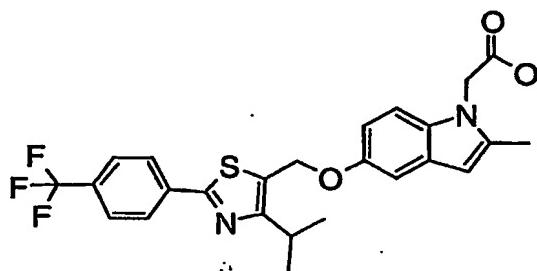


MS (ES) : 421.15 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) ; the structure is also confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

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**Example 102**

**{5-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-2-methyl-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid**

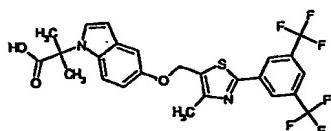


MS (ES) : 489.2 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) ; the structure is also confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

**Example 103**

**2-{5-[2-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-2-methyl-propionic acid**

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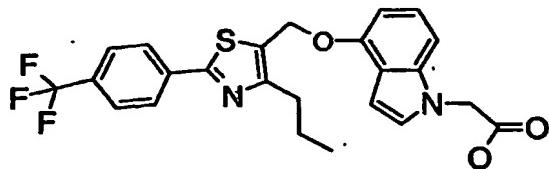


MS (ES) : 542.90 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) .

**Example 104**

**{4-[4-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid**

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**Step A**

**4-[4-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-1H-indole**

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To a solution of 5-Chloromethyl-4-propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazole (320 mg, 1 mmol) and 5-Hydroxy-indole(135 mg, 1 mmol) in DMF (5 mL) is added Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (650 mg, 2 mmol). The mixture is stirred at room temperature over night, quenched by water, extracted with ethyl acetate, dried over sodium sulfate. Concentration yields the crude product.

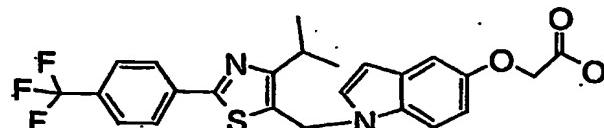
**Step B**

15 {5-[4-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid

To a solution of 4-[4-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-1H-indole from step A in DMF (3 mL) is added ethyl 2-bromacetate (3 mmol) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (980 mg, 3 mmol). After heated at 50 °C overnight, cooled to room temperature, treated with 5N NaOH (1.0 mL). The mixture is heated at 50 °C for 1 h, diluted with water, acidified with 5 N HCl, extracted with ether, dried over sodium sulfate. Concentration and purification by reversed phase HPLC (acetone/water/TFA as eluents) yields the title compound. MS (ES): 475.0 (M<sup>+</sup>+1); the structure is also confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

**Example 105**

30 {1-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethyl]-1H-indol-5-yloxy}-acetic acid

**Step A**

(1H-Indol-5-yloxy)-acetic acid ethyl ester

- 5 To a solution of 5-hydroxylindole (0.5 mg, 3.75 mmol) and ethyl 2-bromoacetate (0.42 mL) in acetonitrile (25 mL) is added Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (2.5 mg). The mixture is stirred at room temperature overnight, quenched by water, extracted with ethyl acetate, dried over sodium sulfate. Concentration  
10 yields the crude product.

**Step B**

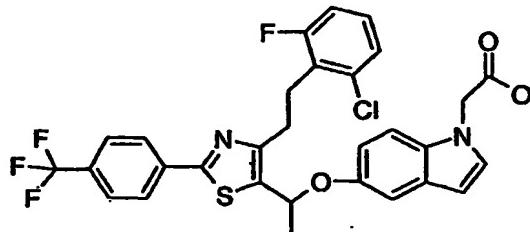
(1-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethyl]-1H-indol-5-yloxy)-acetic acid

- 15 To a solution of (1H-Indol-5-yloxy)-acetic acid ethyl ester from step A (110 mg, 0.5 mmol) in DMF (3 mL) is added 5-Chloromethyl-4-isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazole (160 mg, 0.5 mmol) and Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (325 mg, 1 mmol),  
20 stirred overnight, treated with 1 N LiOH (2.0 mL). After stirred at room temperature for 2 hrs, diluted with water, acidified with 5 N HCl, extracted with ether, dried over sodium sulfate. Concentration and purification by reversed phase HPLC (acetone/water/TFA as eluents) yields the title  
25 compound. MS (ES): 475.2(M<sup>+</sup>+1); the structure is also confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

**Example 106**

Racemic-(5-{1-[2-(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenyl)-ethyl]-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-

- 30 thiazol-5-yl}-ethoxy)-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid

**Step A**

(5-{1-[4-[2-(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenyl)-ethyl]-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester

A solution of (5-hydroxy-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester (153 mg, 0.7 mmol) and 1-[4-[2-(2-chloro-6-fluoro-phenyl)-ethyl]-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethanol (200 mg, 0.465 mmol) in toluene (3.0 mL) is degassed and filled with nitrogen for 3 times. Tributylphosphine (0.174 mL, 0.7 mmol) is added to the reaction mixture under nitrogen at 0 °C, followed by addition of 1,1'-(azodicarbonyl)-dipiperidine (177 mg, 0.7 mmol). The reaction mixture is allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight, the mixture is loaded on silica gel column. Chromatography yields the title compound (130 mg).

**Step B**

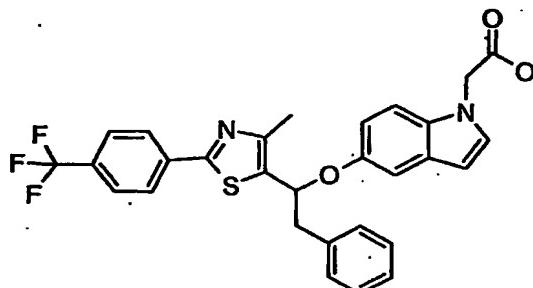
(5-{1-[4-[2-(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenyl)-ethyl]-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid

(5-{1-[4-[2-(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenyl)-ethyl]-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester (30 mg) is taken into THF (0.5 mL) and treated with LiOH (1.0 N, 0.5 mL) for 2hrs. The reaction mixture is acidified with 5 N HCl, extracted with ethyl ether, dried over sodium sulfate. Concentration yields the title compound. MS (ES): 603.2 ( $M^+ + 1$ ,  $^{35}\text{Cl}$ ), 605.2 ( $M^+ + 1$ ,  $^{37}\text{Cl}$ ), the structure is also confirmed by proton NMR.

The following compounds are made in a similar manner:

**Example 107**

**Racemic-(5-{1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-2-phenyl-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid**

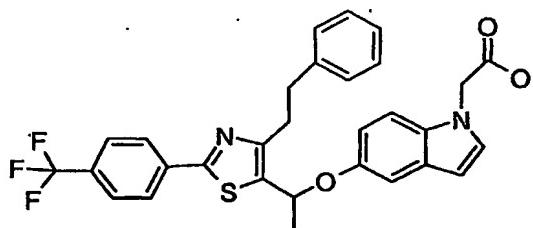


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MS (ES): 537.2 ( $M^+ + 1$ ), the structure is also confirmed by proton NMR.

**Example 108**

10      **Racemic-(5-{1-[4-Phenethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid**

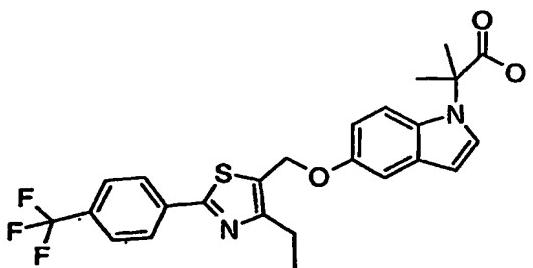


The structure is confirmed by proton NMR.

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**Example 109**

**2-{5-[4-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-2-methyl-propionic acid**



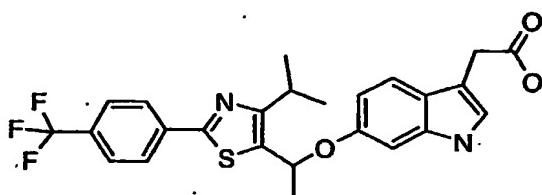
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MS (ES): 488.99 ( $M^+ + 1$ ), the structure is also confirmed by proton NMR.

**Example 110**

- 5      **racemic(6-{1-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid**

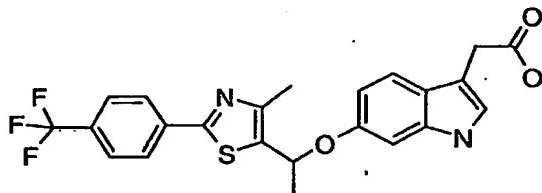


MS (ES): 489.2 ( $M^+ + 1$ ), the structure is also confirmed by proton NMR.

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**Example 111**

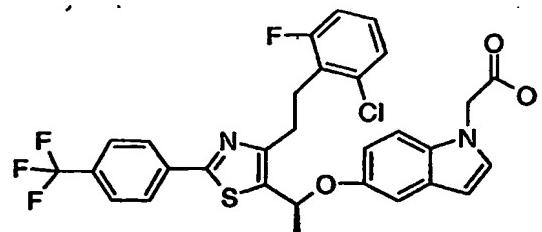
- racemic(6-{1-[4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid**



- 15      MS (ES): 461.2 ( $M^+ + 1$ ), the structure is also confirmed by proton NMR.

**Example 112**

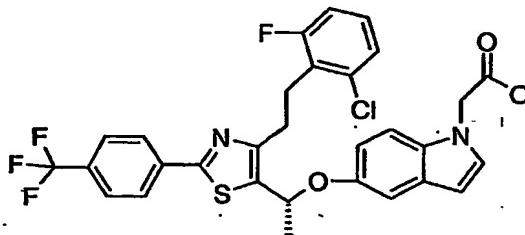
- 20      **(R)-(5-{1-[4-[2-(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenyl)-ethyl]-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid**



The racemic  $(S)$ - $\{5-\{1-[4-[2-(2-chloro-6-fluoro-phenyl)-ethyl]-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy\}-indol-1-yl\}$ -acetic acid is resolved on a Chiralpak AD column (2.1 x 25 cm). Eluted with 20% isopropanol in heptane with 0.1 % TFA and concentrated the fractions to provide a pure enantiomer.

#### Example 113

$(S)$ - $\{5-\{1-[4-[2-(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenyl)-ethyl]-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy\}-indol-1-yl\}$ -acetic acid



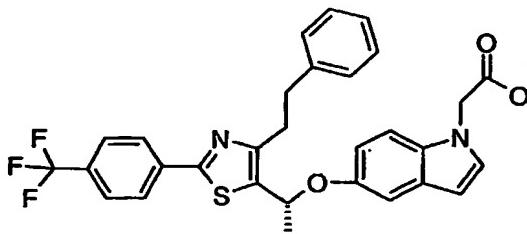
From the chiral separation in previous example also yields this enantiomer.

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The following compounds are resolved by chiral HPLC column in a similar manner:

#### Example 114

$(S)$ - $\{5-\{1-[4-[2-(2-phenylethyl)]-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy\}-indol-1-yl\}$ -acetic acid

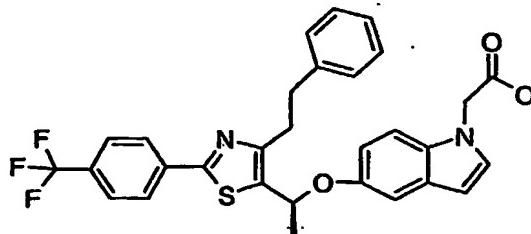


#### Example 115

$(R)$ - $\{5-\{1-[4-[2-(2-phenylethyl)]-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy\}-indol-1-yl\}$ -acetic acid

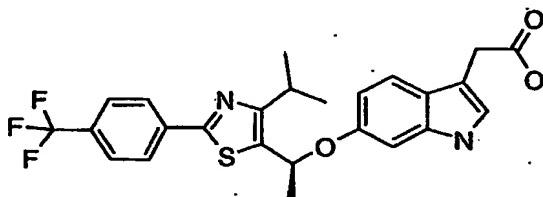
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**Example 116**

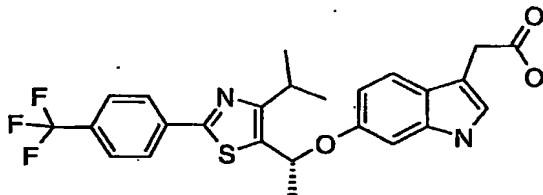
**(R)-(6-{1-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid**

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MS (ES) : 489.2 ( $M^++1$ ) .**Example 117**

**(S)-(6-{1-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid**

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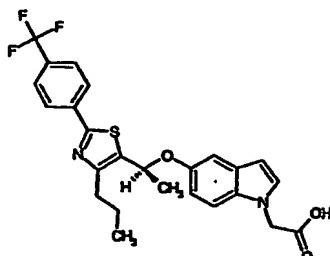
MS (ES) : 489.2 ( $M^++1$ ) .**Example 118**

**(S)-(5-{1-[4-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid**

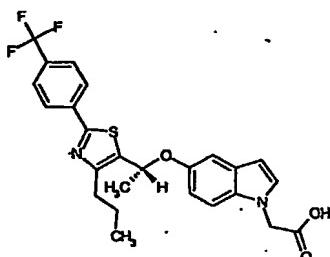
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MS (ES) : 489.2 ( $M^+ + H$ ) .**Example 119**

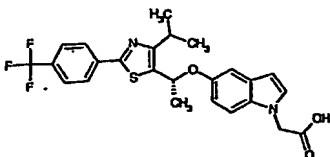
- 5   (R)-(5-{1-[4-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid

MS (ES) : 489.2 ( $M^+ + H$ ) .

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**Example 120**

- (R)-(5-{1-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid

MS (ES) : 489.2 ( $M^+ + H$ ) .

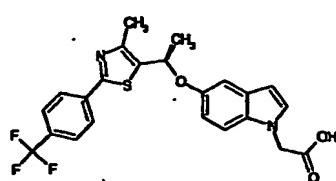
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**Example 121**

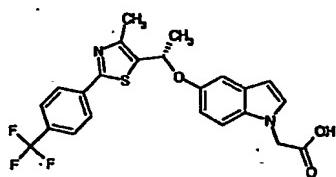
- (R)-(5-{1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid

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MS (ES) : 461.1 ( $M^+ + H$ ) .**Example 122**

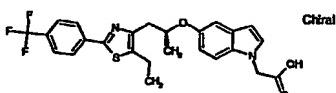
- 5 (S)-(5-{1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid

MS (ES) : 461.10 ( $M^+ + H$ ) .

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**Example 123**

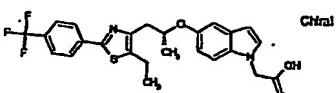
- (S)-(5-{2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-1-methyl-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid

MS (ES) : 489.2 ( $M^+ + H$ ) .

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**Example 124**

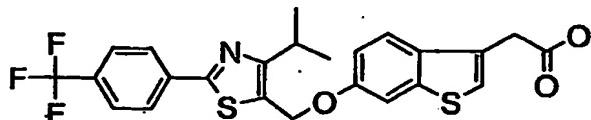
- (R)-(5-{2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-1-methyl-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid



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MS (ES) : 489.2 ( $M^+ + H$ ) .**Example 125**

**{6-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl}-acetic acid**



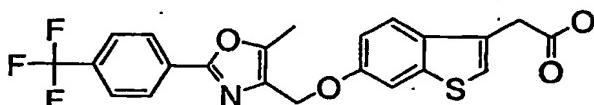
- 5 To a solution of 5-chloromethyl-4-isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazole (100 mg, 0.31 mmol) and (6-Hydroxy-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester (75 mg, 0.31 mmol) in acetonitrile (3 mL) is added Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (200 mg, 0.62 mmol). The mixture is stirred at room temperature overnight, ethanol (1 mL) is added, followed by NaOH (5 N, 1.0 mL). The mixture is heated at 50 oC for 2 hrs, solvent is evaporate, the residue is diluted with water, acidified by 5N HCl and extracted with ethyl acetate. Concentration and reversed phase HPLC purification yields the title product.
- 10 15 MS (ES): 490.0 (M<sup>+</sup>-1).

The following compound is made in a similar manner, all structures are confirmed by MS and proton NMR:

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**Example 126**

**{6-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl}-acetic acid**

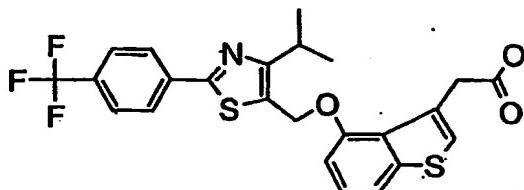


MS (ES): 446.0 (M<sup>+</sup>-1).

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## Example 127

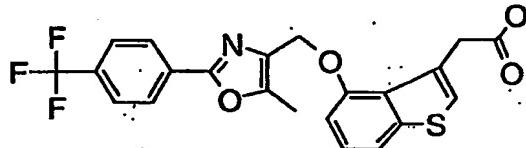
(4-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid



5 MS (ES) : 492.0 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) .

## Example 128

(4-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid

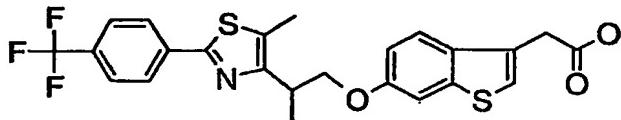


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MS (ES) : 448.2 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) .

## Example 129

(6-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid



## Step A

(6-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester

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A solution of 2-[5-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propan-1-ol (226 mg, 0.75 mmol) in toluene (4.0 mL) is degassed and filled with nitrogen for 3 times. To this solution is added 1,1'-(azodicarbonyl)-dipiperidine (190 mg, 0.75 mmol) and tributylphosphine (0.186 mL,

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0.75 mmol) under nitrogen at 0 °C, followed by addition of (6-hydroxy-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester (120 mg, 0.5 mmol). The reaction mixture is allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight, the mixture is 5 loaded on silica gel column. Chromatography yields the title compound (250 mg).

#### Step B

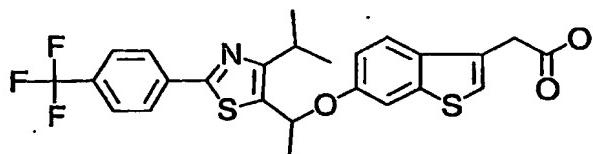
(6-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-10 propoxy}-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid

(6-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid ethyl ester (100 mg) is taken into ethanol (1 mL) and treated with NaOH (5.0 N, 1 mL) at 50 °C for 2hrs. The reaction mixture is acidified with 5 N HCl, extracted with ethyl ether, dried over sodium sulfate. Concentration yields the title compound. MS (ES): 492.1(M<sup>+</sup>+1), the structure is also confirmed by proton NMR.

20 The following compounds are made in a similar manner:

#### Example 130

(6-{1-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid



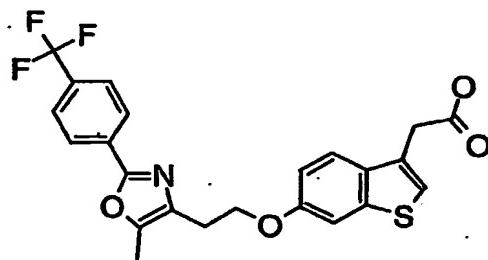
25 MS (ES): 506.1(M<sup>+</sup>+1), the structure is also confirmed by proton NMR.

#### Example 131

30 (6-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid

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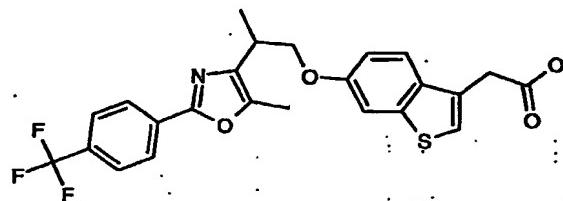
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MS (ES) : 462.09 (M'+1).

**Example 132**

5. (**(6-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid**

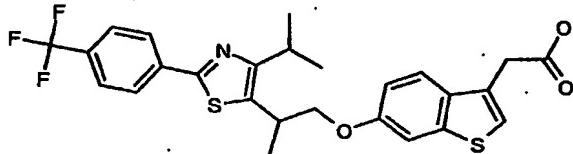


MS (ES) : 476.1 (M'+1).

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**Example 133**

- (6-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid**

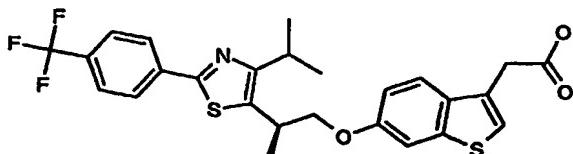


MS (ES) : 520.07 (M'+1).

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**Example 134**

- (R)-{(6-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid}**



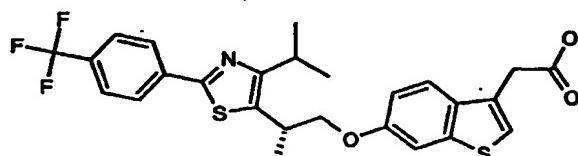
20 MS (ES) : 520.03 (M'+1).

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## Example 135

(S)-(6-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid

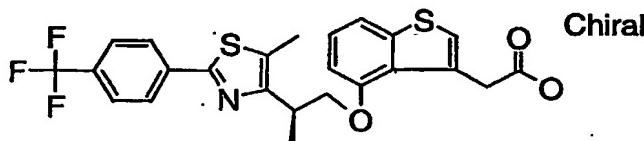


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MS (ES) : 520.03 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) .

## Example 136

(R)-(4-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid

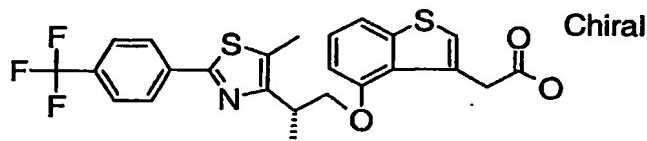


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MS (ES) : 492.2 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) .

## Example 137

(S)-(4-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid



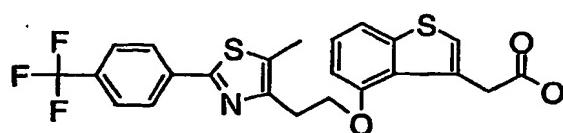
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MS (ES) : 492.2 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) .

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## Example 138

(4-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid

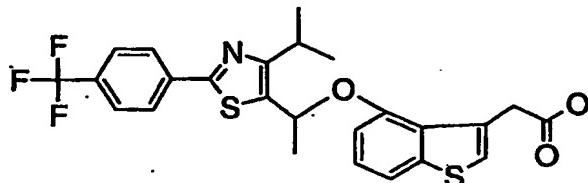


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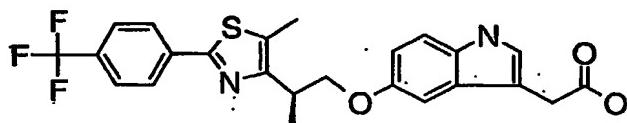
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**Example 139**

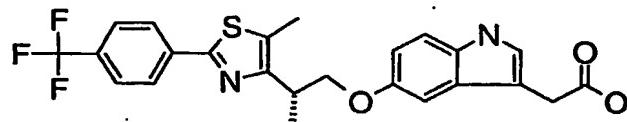
Racemic-(4-{1-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid.

5 MS (ES) : 506.2 ( $M^+ + 1$ ).**Example 140**

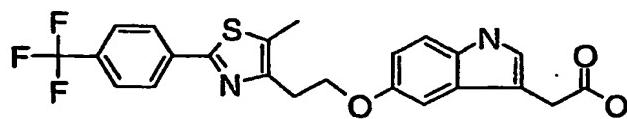
(R)-(5-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid

10 MS (ES) : 473.3 ( $M^+ - 1$ ).**Example 141**

(S)-(5-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid

MS (ES) : 475.2 ( $M^+ + 1$ ).**Example 142**

20 (5-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid

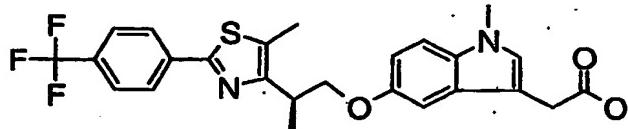
MS (ES) : 459.3 ( $M^+ - 1$ ).

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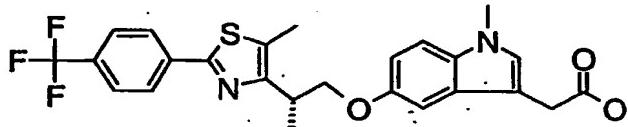
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**Example 143**

(R) - (1-Methyl-5-{2-[5-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid

5 MS (ES) : 489.3 ( $M^+ - 1$ ) .**Example 144**

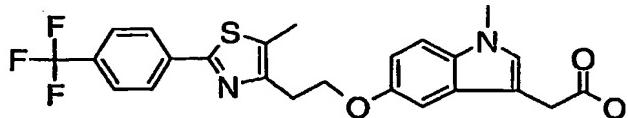
(S) - (1-Methyl-5-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid



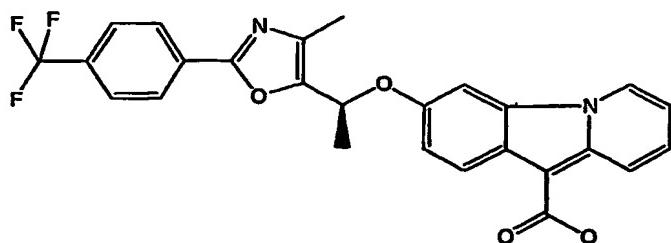
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MS (ES) : 489.3 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) .**Example 145**

15 (1-Methyl-5-{2-[5-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid

MS (ES) : 475.32 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) .**Example 146**

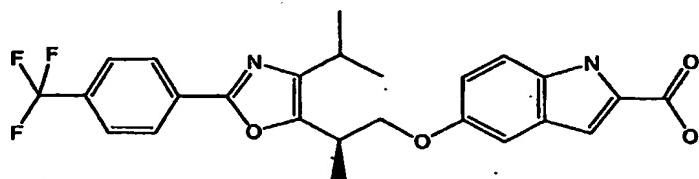
20 3-{1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-pyrido[1,2-a]indole-10-carboxylic acid



MS (ES): 481 ( $M^+ + 1$ ). The structure is confirmed by  $^1H$  NMR spectroscopy.

**Example 147**

- 5 {2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indole-2-carboxylic acid

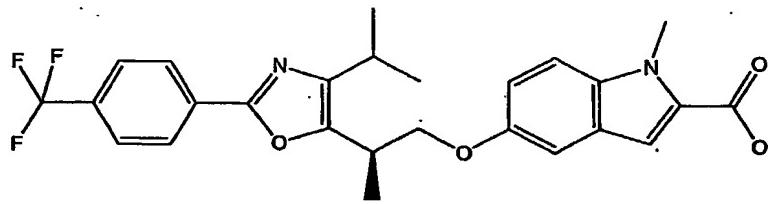


MS (ES): 473 ( $M^+ + 1$ ). The structure is confirmed by  $^1H$  NMR spectroscopy.

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**Example 148**

- 5-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-1-methyl-1H-indole-2-carboxylic acid



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**Step A**

- 5-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-1-methyl-1H-indole-2-carboxylic acid ethyl ester

- 20 5-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indole-2-carboxylic acid ethyl ester (0.117 g, 0.234 mmol) is stirred with sodium hydride, 60% mineral oil (0.011 g, 0.28 mmol) and NN-dimethyl formamide (12 mL). Iodomethane (16 uL, 0.26 mmol) is added and the mixture is stirred at 80 deg C 2 hr, and room temperature 18 hr. The mixture is diluted with water (50 mL), and the

product is extracted into ethyl acetate (2 X 50 mL). The combined extracts are dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, filtered, concentrated, and purified via silica gel chromatography eluting with 8:2 hexanes:ethyl acetate to 6:4 hexanes:ethyl acetate to afford the title compound as a tan solid, 0.062 g, 51 %). MS M<sup>+</sup> 515. The structure is confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy.

## Step B

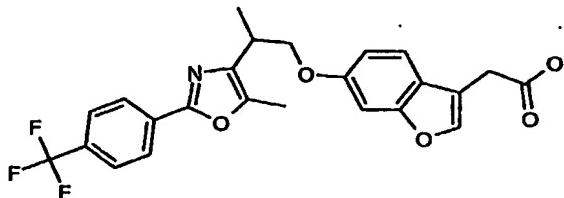
- 10 5-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-1-methyl-1H-indole-2-carboxylic acid

Hydrolysis of the ester from step A yields the title compound as a white solid. MS (ES) 487 (M<sup>+</sup>+1). The structure is confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy.

The following compounds are made in similar manner:

## Example 149

- 20 (6-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid

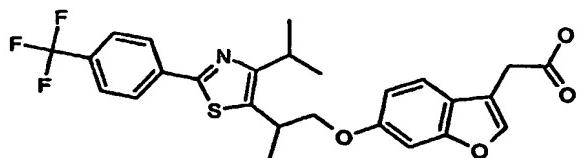


MS (ES) : 460.13 (M<sup>+</sup>+1).

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## Example 150

- (6-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid

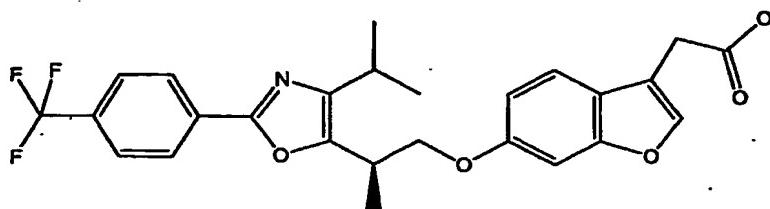


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MS (ES) : 504.11 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) .**Example 151**

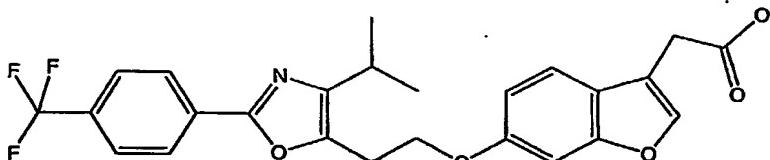
(6-[2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-propoxy]-benzofuran-

**5 3-yl)-acetic acid**MS (ES) : 488 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) . The structure is confirmed by  $^1H$  NMR spectroscopy.

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**Example 152**

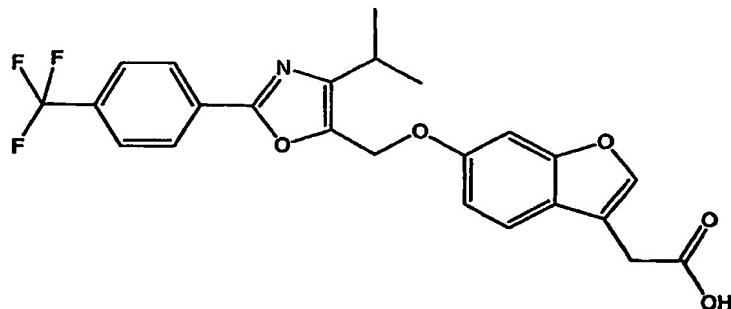
(6-[2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-ethoxy]-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid

MS (ES) : 474 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) .

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**Example 153**

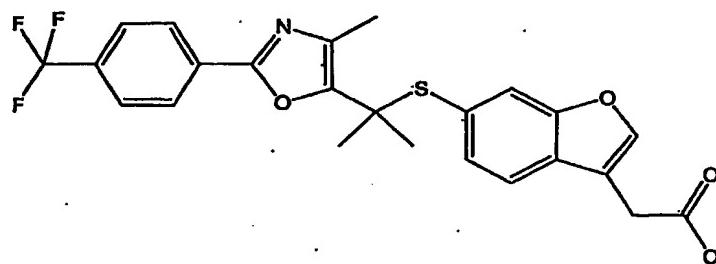
{6-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-ylmethoxy]-benzofuran-3-yl}-acetic acid



MS (ES) : 460 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) .

**Example 154**

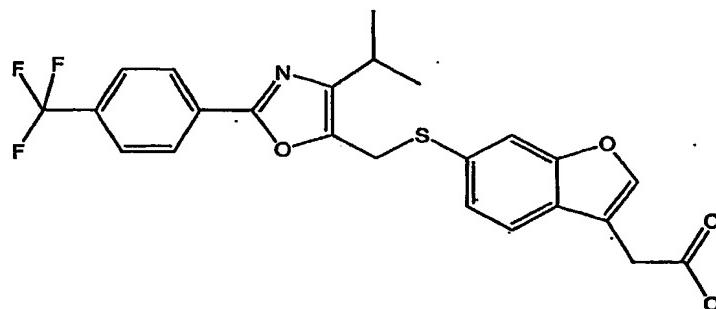
- 5    (6-{1-Methyl-1-[4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-ethylsulfanyl}-  
benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid



- MS (ES) : 476 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) . The structure is confirmed by  $^1H$   
10 NMR spectroscopy.

**Example 155**

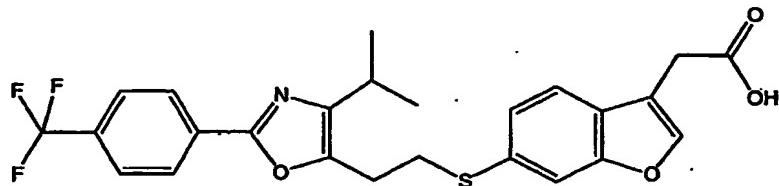
- {6-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-ylmethylsulfanyl]-  
benzofuran-3-yl}-acetic acid



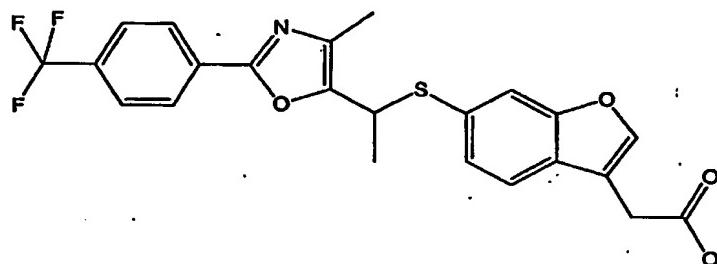
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**Example 156**

- (6-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-ethylsulfanyl}-  
benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid

**Example 157**

5   **(6-{1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-ethylsulfanyl}-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid**

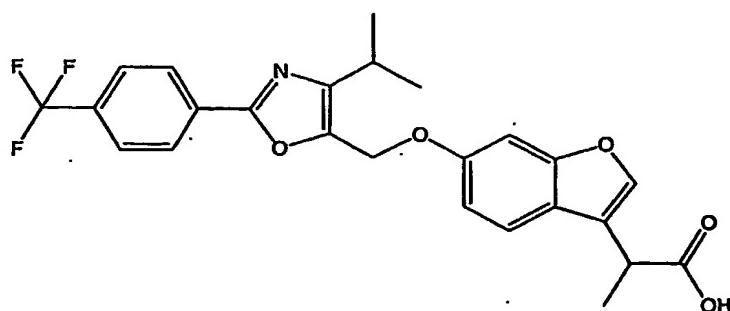


MS (ES) : 462 (M<sup>+</sup>+1).

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**Example 158**

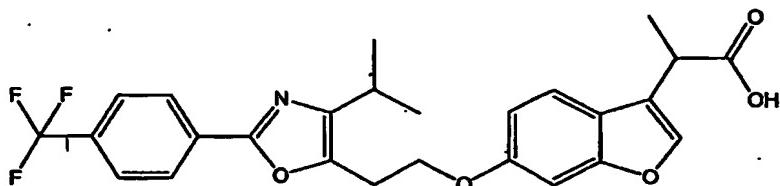
**2-{6-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-ylmethoxy]-benzofuran-3-yl}-propionic acid**



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**Example 159**

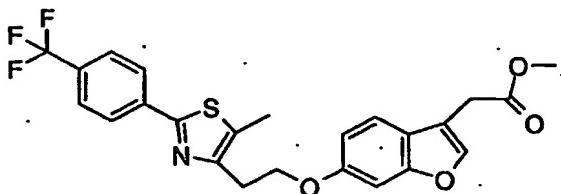
**2-(6-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-benzofuran-3-yl)-propionic acid**

MS (ES): 488 ( $M^++1$ ).

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**Example 160**

(6-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid

10 **Step A**

(6-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid methyl ester

To a solution of 2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-ethanol (0.12 g, 0.43 mmol) in toluene (3 mL)

15 at 0°C is added ADDP (0.14 g, 0.57 mmol) followed by tri-n-butylphosphine (0.14 mL, 0.56 mmol). A toluene solution of (6-Hydroxy-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid methyl ester (0.52 g, 1.22 mmol) is added, and the mixture is allowed to warm to RT overnight. Water is added, and the aqueous phase is  
20 extracted with EtOAc. The organics are dried with MgSO<sub>4</sub> and purified by flash chromatography to yield the title compound (0.066 g, 33%).

**Step B**

25 (6-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid (LY2110225)

A similar procedure is followed to yield the title compound.

The material is purified by reverse phase chromatography (15 mg, 25%). MS (ES): 462 ( $M^+$ ); the structure is also

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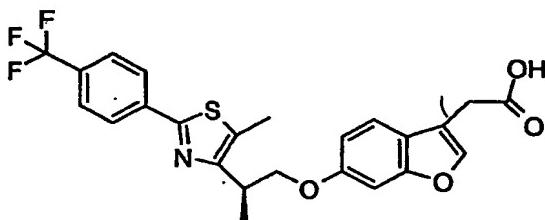
confirmed by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR.

The following compounds are made in a similar manner:

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**Example 161**

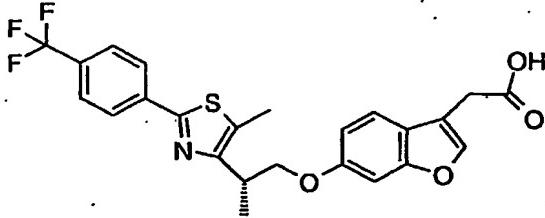
(R)-(6-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid (Isomer 2)



(24 mg, 77%). MS (ES): 476 ( $\text{M}^+$ ) ; the structure is also  
10 confirmed by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR.

**Example 162**

(S)-(6-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid

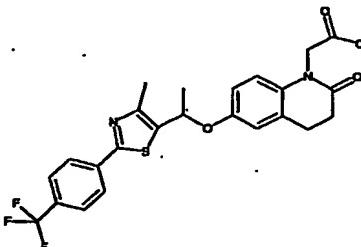


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(29 mg, 66%). MS (ES): 476 ( $\text{M}^+$ ) ; the structure is also confirmed by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR.

**Example 163**

20 (6-{1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-1-yl)-acetic acid



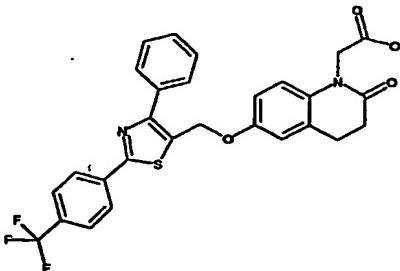
A solution of (6-hydroxy-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-1-yl)-acetic acid tert-butyl ester (83 mg, 0.30 mmol) and 1-[4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethanol (58 mg, 0.20 mmol) in toluene (5.0 mL) is degassed and filled with nitrogen for 3 times. Tributylphosphine (60 mg, 0.30 mmol) is added to the reaction mixture under nitrogen at 0 °C, followed by addition of 1,1'-(azodicarbonyl)-dipiperidine (76 mg, 0.30 mmol). The reaction mixture is allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight, the mixture is loaded directly on silica gel column chromatography to obtain the intermediate ester. The intermediate is then treated with TFA (1.0 ml), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1.0 ml), H<sub>2</sub>O (0.1 mL) and stirred for 2 hours, concentrated and purified on silica gel chromatography (Hexanes/EtOAc/HOAc, 5/5/0.02) afford the title compound (7 mg, 7%). MS (MH<sup>+</sup>): 491.2

The following compound is made in a similar manner:

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**Example 164**

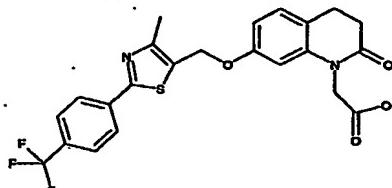
{2-Oxo-6-[4-phenyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-1-yl}-acetic acid



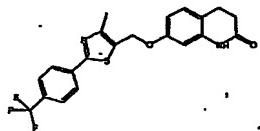
MS ( $\text{MH}^+$ ): 539.0; the structure is also confirmed by proton NMR.

### Example 165

- 5      {7-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-1-yl}-acetic acid

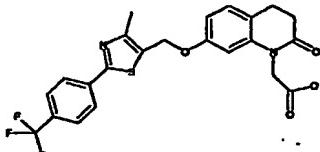


#### step A



- 10     7-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-3,4-dihydro-1H-quinolin-2-one

A solution of 7-hydroxy-3,4-dihydro-1H-quinolin-2-one (310 mg, 1.90 mmol) and 5-chloromethyl-4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazole (666 mg, 2.28 mmol) in DMF (3.0 mL) is treated with  $\text{Cs}_2\text{CO}_3$  (1.25 g, 3.80 mmol). The resulting suspension is heated at 60 °C for 5 hours and then quenched with water dropwise. The mixture is extracted with EtOAc (40 mL x3) and the combined organics are dried (20  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ), concentrated to a suspension. It is then filtered and the solid is rinsed with EtOAc (2 mL) and dried under vacuum to obtain pure product (233 mg, 29%).

**Step B**

{7-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-

**5 2H-quinolin-1-yl}-acetic acid**

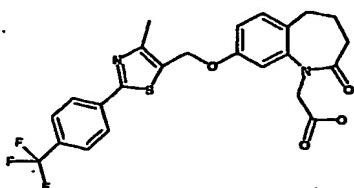
A solution of 7-[4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-3,4-dihydro-1H-quinolin-2-one (233 mg, 0.557 mmol) in DMF (3.0 mL) is treated with NaH (67 mg, 1.67 mmol, 60%). The resulting suspension is heated at 10 57 °C for 40 minutes and cooled to room temperature. The t-butyl bromoacetate (217 mg, 1.11 mmol) is added and the suspension is stirred for 2 hours and then quenched with water. The mixture is extracted with EtOAc (30 mL x2) and the combined organics are dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ), concentrated, and 15 purified on silica gel chromatography column with 20% EtOAc/Hexanes to obtain the intermediate compound. The intermediate is then treated with TFA (1.0 ml),  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (1.0 ml),  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.1 mL) and stirred for 2 hours, concentrated and purified on silica gel chromatography (Hexanes/EtOAc/HOAc, 20 5/5/0.02) afford the title compound (65 mg, 25%). MS ( $\text{MH}^+$ ):: 477.1; the structure is also confirmed by proton NMR.

The following compound is made in a similar manner:

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**Example 166**

{8-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-2-oxo-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-benzo[b]azepin-1-yl}-acetic acid

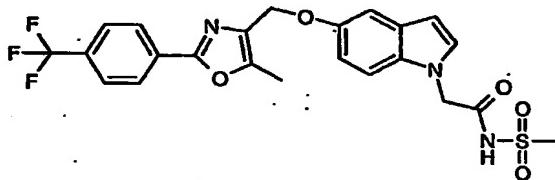


MS (MH<sup>+</sup>): 491.2; the structure is also confirmed by proton NMR.

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#### Example 167

N-(2-{5-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetyl)-methanesulfonamide

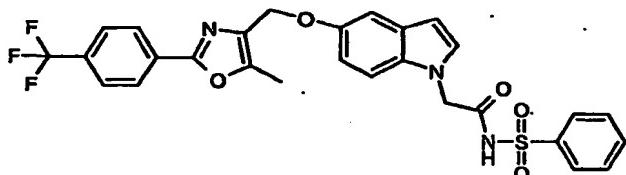


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A solution of {5-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid (55mg, 0.127mmol), methanesulfonamide (12.1mg, 0.127mmol), 4-(dimethylamino)pyridine (16mg, 0.127mmol), and N,N-diisopropylethylamine (0.045ml, 0.254mmol) in dichloromethane (1ml) is treated with 1-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (39mg, 0.203mmol), and the resulting mixture is stirred at ambient temperature for 24 hours. Concentration of the reaction mixture yields a residue which is partitioned between 1N HCl (20ml) and ethyl acetate (15ml). The organic layer is washed with brine (25ml), dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ), and concentrated to an oil which is purified by silica chromatography (20:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate to 5:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate) to provide the title compound as a colorless oil. MS: m/z (M+1) 508. The structure is also confirmed by proton NMR.

## Example 168

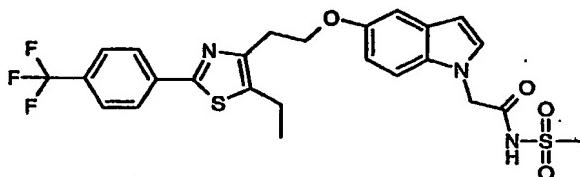
N-(2-{5-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetyl)-benzenesulfonamide



- 5 MS: m/z (M+1) 570. The structure is also confirmed by proton NMR.

## Example 169

N-[2-(5-{2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetyl]-methanesulfonamide



- A solution of (5-{2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid (45mg, 0.094mmol), methanesulfonamide (9.0mg, 0.094mmol), 4-  
 15 (dimethylamino)pyridine (12mg, 0.094mmol), and N,N-diisopropylethylamine (0.033ml, 0.188mmol) in dichloromethane (1ml) is treated with 1-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (29mg, 0.15mmol), and the resulting mixture is stirred at ambient temperature for 24 hours. Concentration of the reaction mixture yields a residue which is partitioned between 1N HCl (20ml) and ethyl acetate (15ml). The organic layer is washed with brine (25ml), dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ), and concentrated to an oil which is purified by silica chromatography (20:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate to 5:1 hexanes:ethyl acetate) to provide the title compound as a colorless oil. MS: m/z (M+1) 552. The structure is ,

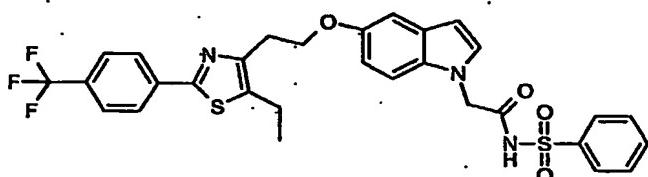
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also confirmed by proton NMR.

**Example 170**

5      **N-[2-(5-{2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetyl]-benzenesulfonamide**

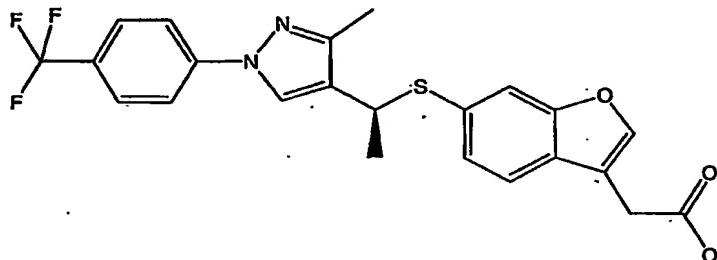


MS: m/z (M+1) 614. The structure is also confirmed by proton NMR.

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**Example 171**

(6-{1-[3-Methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-ethylsulfanyl}-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid

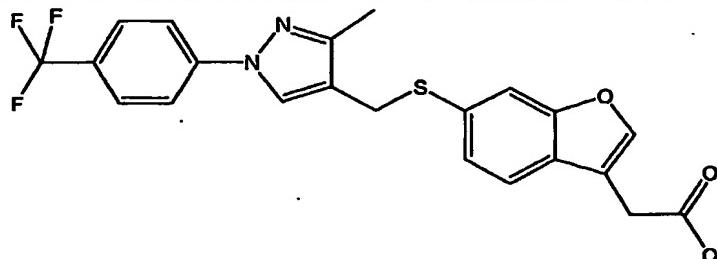


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MS (ES) 474 (M'+1). The structure is confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy.

**Example 172**

{6-[3-Methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethylsulfanyl]-benzofuran-3-yl}-acetic acid

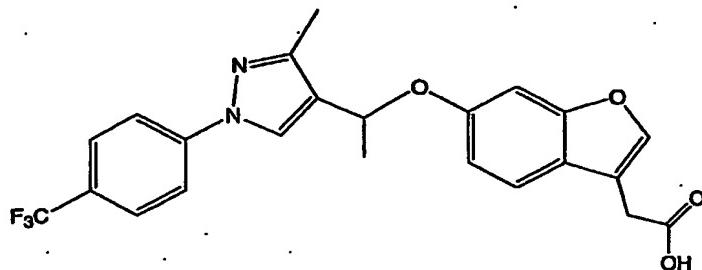


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MS (ES): 447 (M'+1). The structure is confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy.

## Example 173

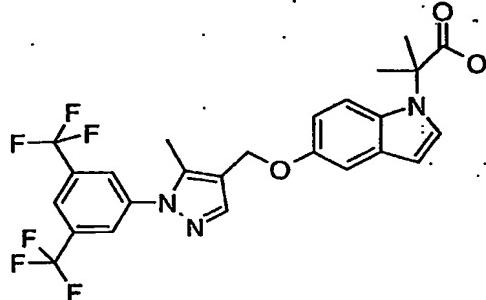
(6-{1-[3-Methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid



5 MS (ES): 445 ( $M^+ + 1$ ). The structure is confirmed by  $^1$ H NMR spectroscopy.

## Example 174

2-{5-[1-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-5-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-2-methyl-propionic acid



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## Step A

2-{5-[1-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-5-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-2-methyl-propionic acid ethyl ester

15 To a solution of 1-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-chloromethyl-5-methyl-1H-pyrazole (170 mg, 0.5 mmol) and (2-(5-hydroxy-indol-1-yl)-2-methyl-propionic acid (150 mg) in acetonitrile (3 mL) is added Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (325 mg, 1 mmol). The mixture is stirred at room temperature over night, quenched 20 by water, extracted with ethyl acetate, dried over sodium sulfate. Concentration yields the crude product.

**Step B**

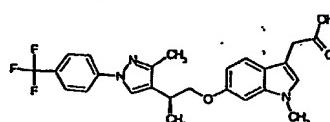
2-{5-[1-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-5-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-2-methyl-propionic acid

5    2-{5-[1-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-5-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-2-methyl-propionic acid ethyl ester from step A in ethanol (2 mL) is added NaOH (5.0 M, 1 mL). After heated at 50 °C for 2hrs, ethanol is evaporated. The residue is diluted with water, acidified  
 10 with 5 N HCl, extracted with ether, dried over sodium sulfate. Concentration and purification by reversed phase HPLC (acetone/water/TFA as eluents) yields the title compound (60 mg). MS (ES): 525.96( $M^+ - 1$ ); the structure is also confirmed by  $^1$ H NMR.

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**Example 175**

(1-Methyl-6-{2-[3-methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid

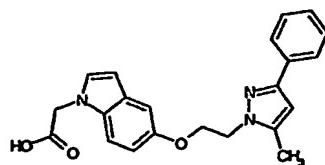


MS: m/z ( $M^+ + 1$ ) 472.2. The structure is also confirmed by  
 20 proton NMR.

The following compounds are made in a substantially similar manner:

**Example 176**

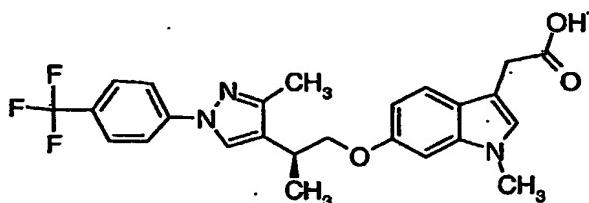
25    {5-[2-(5-Methyl-3-phenyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid



MS (ES): 374.04( $M^+ - 1$ ).

## Example 177

(1-Methyl-6-{2-[3-methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid



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## Step 1

2-[3-Methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-propan-1-ol (150 mg, 0.5276 mmol) is dissolved into anhydrous toluene (2 mL) and cooled in an ice bath to 0°C with stirring under nitrogen. Tributyl phosphine (200 uL, 0.7914 mmol) is added by syringe followed by 1-1'-azodicarbonyl-dipiperidine (200 mg, 0.7914 mmol). Finally, (6-Hydroxy-1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid methyl ester (145 mg, 0.6596 mmol) is then added. The reaction is allowed to stir under nitrogen at 0°C for 1 hour, then room temperature and monitored by TLC and HPLC. Upon completion, the reaction is diluted with hexanes and allowed to stir vigorously for 10 min. The resulting white precipitate is then filtered away and the solution is concentrated under vacuum. The residue is further purified using either EtOAc/Hexanes(1:9) or Acetone/Hexanes(1:9) gradients on silica gel chromatography to yield (1-Methyl-6-{2-[3-methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid methyl ester (150 mg, 0.309 mmol) or 59%.

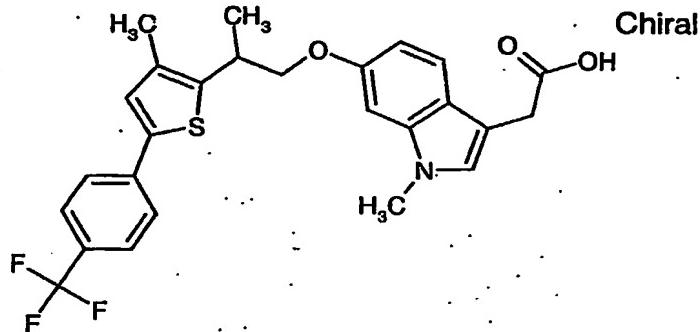
## Step 2

(1-Methyl-6-{2-[3-methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid methyl ester (150 mg, 0.309 mmol) is dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (1mL) and 5N NaOH (1mL) is added. The mixture is heated to reflux until the conversion is complete. Upon complete conversion, the reaction is cooled to room temperature and

5N HCl (1mL) is added. The mixture is diluted with diethyl ether and extracted with 1N HCl. The organic layer is washed with water and brine, then dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. Concentration of the solvent reveals the pure (1-Methyl-6-{2-[3-methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid (122 mg, 0.2586 mmol), or 84% yield.

**Example 178 (isomer II)**

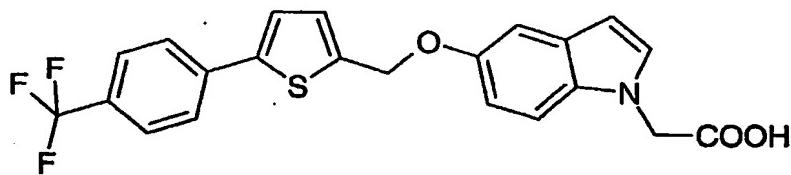
(1-Methyl-6-{2-[4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid



MS (ES): 488.07 ( $M^++H$ ), the structure is also confirmed by proton NMR.

**Example 179**

{5-[5-(4-Trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiophen-2-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid



MS (ES): 430 ( $M^++H$ ), the structure is also confirmed by proton NMR.

**Synthesis Method to make indoles below**

**Step A**

3-[2-Methyl-4-[5-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiophen-2-ylmethoxy]-phenyl]-propionic acid methyl ester

- 5 To a solution of [5-(4-Trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiophen-2-yl]-methanol (0.063 g, 0.232 mmole) and 3-(4-Hydroxy-2-methyl-phenyl)-propionic acid methyl ester (0.045 g, 0.232 mmole) in toluene (2 mL) at room temperature, is added tributylphosphine (0.087 mL, 0.348 mmole) followed by a solution of 1,1'-  
10 (azodicarbonyl)-dipiperidine (0.088g, 0.348 mmole) in toluene (2 mL). The reaction is stirred overnight, and then diluted with hexane (10 mL). The precipitate is removed through filtration and the filtrate is concentrated, loaded to a silica gel column, eluted with ethyl acetate in hexane (0-15%)  
15 and concentrated to provide the titled compound as white solid.

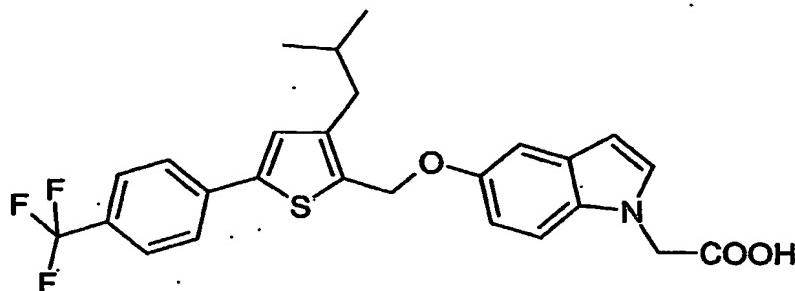
**Step B**

- 20 3-[2-Methyl-4-[3-methyl-5-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiophen-2-ylmethoxy]-phenyl]-propionic acid

3-[2-Methyl-4-[5-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiophen-2-ylmethoxy]-phenyl]-propionic acid methyl ester (0.043 g, 0.0959 mmole) is treated with a mixture of NaOH <sub>(aq)</sub> (1 mL)/THF (3 mL)/MeOH (3 mL) at room temperature overnight. The organic solvents are removed on rota-vapor. The residue is diluted with water (10 mL), acidified to pH = 2 with 6N HCl <sub>(aq)</sub>. The precipitate is collected through filtration, washed with cold water (30 mL) and dried to provide the titled compound as a  
25 white solid. MS (ES): 433 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>, the structure is also confirmed by proton NMR. A substantially similar process is used to make the following compound and the Compound of  
30 Example 181, below.

**Example 180**

- 35 3-[4-[3-Isobutyl]-5-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiophen-2-ylmethoxy]-2-methyl-phenyl]-propionic acid

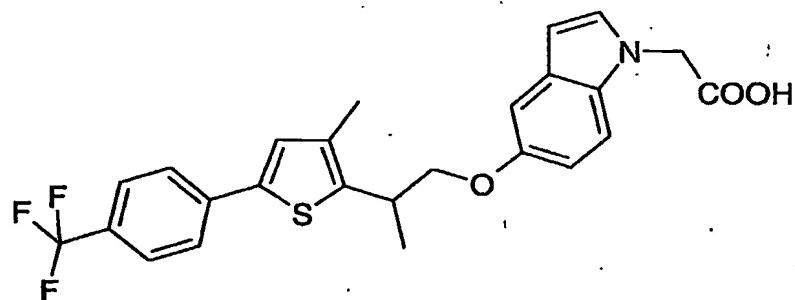


MS (ES): 488 ( $M+H$ )<sup>+</sup>, 486 ( $M+H$ )<sup>-</sup>, the structure is also confirmed by proton NMR.

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**Example 181**

(5-{2-[3-Methyl-5-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiophen-2-yl]-propoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid

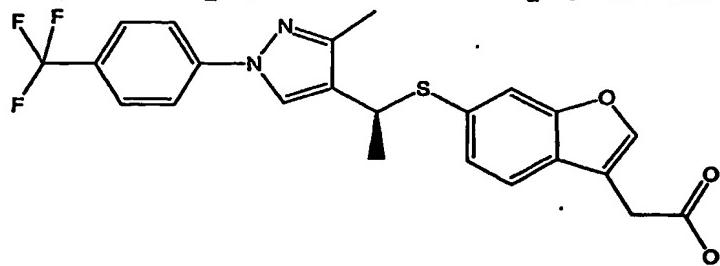


MS (ES): 474 ( $M+H$ )<sup>+</sup>, 472 ( $M+H$ )<sup>-</sup>, the structure is also confirmed by proton NMR.

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**Example 182**

(6-{1-[3-Methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-ethylsulfanyl}-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid



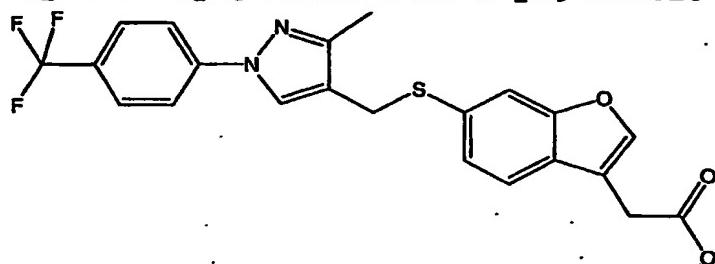
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MS (ES) 474 ( $M^+ + 1$ ). The structure is confirmed by  $^1H$  NMR spectroscopy.

Example 183

5 (6-[3-Methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethylsulfanyl]-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid

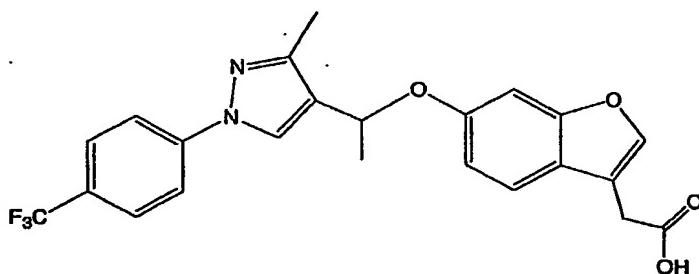


MS (ES): 447 ( $M^+ + 1$ ). The structure is confirmed by  $^1H$  NMR spectroscopy.

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Example 184

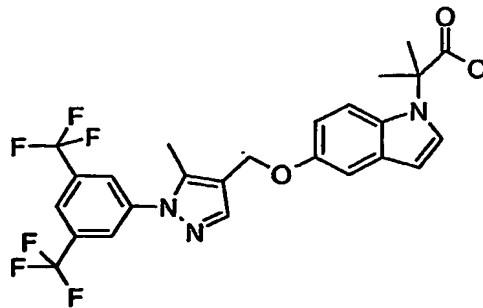
(6-{1-[3-Methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid



15 MS (ES): 445 ( $M^+ + 1$ ). The structure is confirmed by  $^1H$  NMR spectroscopy.

Example 185

2-{5-[1-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-5-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-2-methyl-propionic acid



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**Step A**

**2-[5-[1-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-5-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl]-2-methyl-propionic acid ethyl ester**

- 5 To a solution of 1-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-chloromethyl-5-methyl-1H-pyrazole (170 mg, 0.5 mmol) and (2-(5-hydroxy-indol-1-yl)-2-methyl-propionic acid (150 mg) in acetonitrile (3 mL) is added Cs<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (325 mg, 1 mmol). The mixture is stirred at room temperature over night, quenched 10 by water, extracted with ethyl acetate, dried over sodium sulfate. Concentration yields the crude product.

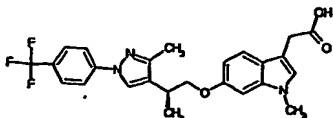
**Step B**

**2-[5-[1-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-5-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl]-2-methyl-propionic acid**

- 20 2-[5-[1-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-5-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl]-2-methyl-propionic acid ethyl ester from step A in ethanol (2 mL) is added NaOH (5.0 M, 1 mL). After heated at 50 °C for 2hrs, ethanol is evaporated. The residue is diluted with water, acidified with 5 N HCl, extracted with ether, dried over sodium sulfate. Concentration and purification by reversed phase HPLC (acetone/water/TFA as eluents) yields the title 25 compound (60 mg). MS (ES): 525.96 (M<sup>+</sup>-1); the structure is also confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

**Example 186**

**(1-Methyl-6-{2-[3-methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid**



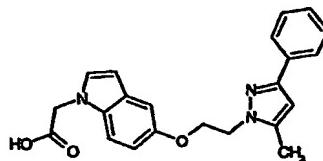
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MS: m/z (M<sup>+</sup>+1) 472.2. The structure is also confirmed by proton NMR.

The following compounds are made in a substantially similar manner:

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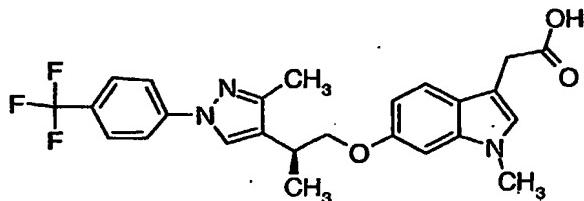
5 {5-[2-(5-Methyl-3-phenyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid



MS (ES): 374.04 ( $M^+ - 1$ ) .

**Example 188**

10 (1-Methyl-6-{2-[3-methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid



**Step 1**

- 15 2-[3-Methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-propan-1-ol (150 mg, 0.5276 mmol) is dissolved into anhydrous toluene (2 mL) and cooled in an ice bath to 0°C with stirring under nitrogen. Tributyl phosphine (200 uL, 0.7914 mmol) is added by syringe followed by 1-1'-azodicarbonyl-dipiperidine (200 mg, 0.7914 mmol). Finally, (6-Hydroxy-1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid methyl ester (145 mg, 0.6596 mmol) is then added. The reaction is allowed to stir under nitrogen at 0°C for 1 hour, then room temperature and monitored by TLC and HPLC. Upon completion, 20 the reaction is diluted with hexanes and allowed to stir vigorously for 10 min. The resulting white precipitate is then filtered away and the solution is concentrated under vacuum. The residue is further purified using either EtOAc/Hexanes(1:9) or Acetone/Hexanes(1:9) gradients on 25

silica gel chromatography to yield (1-Methyl-6-{2-[3-methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid methyl ester (150 mg, 0.309 mmol) or 59%.

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## Step 2

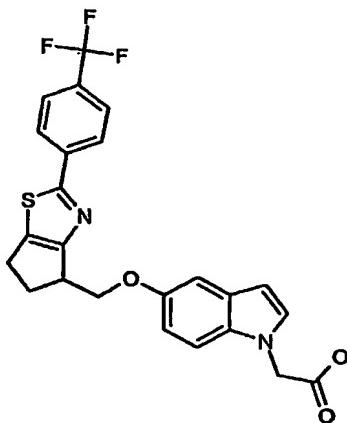
(1-Methyl-6-{2-[3-methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid methyl ester (150 mg, 0.309 mmol) is dissolved in tetrahydrofuran (1mL) and 5N NaOH (1mL) is added. The mixture is heated to

10 reflux until the conversion is complete. Upon complete conversion, the reaction is cooled to room temperature and 5N HCl (1mL) is added. The mixture is diluted with diethyl ether and extracted with 1N HCl. The organic layer is washed with water and brine, then dried over anhydrous 15 sodium sulfate. Concentration of the solvent reveals the pure (1-Methyl-6-{2-[3-methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid (122 mg, 0.2586 mmol), or 84% yield.

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## Example 189

Racemic-{5-[2-(4-Trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-5,6-dihydro-4H-cyclopentathiazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid



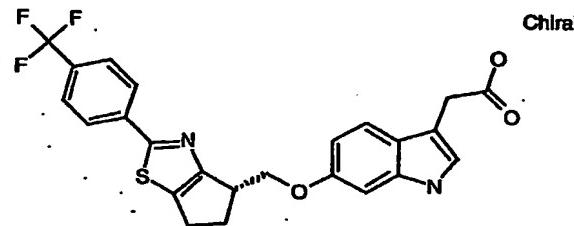
MS (ES) : 473.45 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) .

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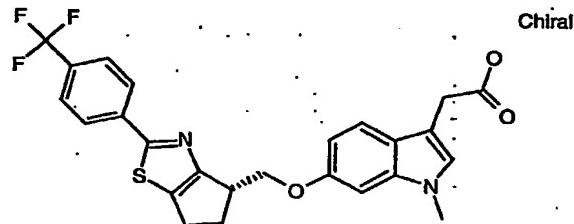
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**Example 190**

**(S)-{6-[2-(4-Trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-5,6-dihydro-4H-cyclopentathiazol-4-ylmethoxy]-1H-indol-3-yl}-acetic acid**

5 MS (ES): 473.11 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) .**Example 191**

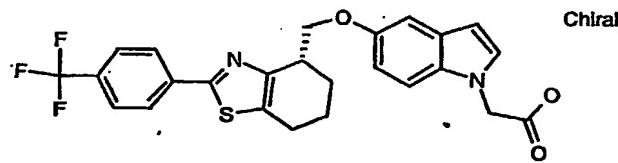
**{1-Methyl-6-[2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-5,6-dihydro-4H-cyclopentathiazol-4-ylmethoxy]-1H-indol-3-yl}-acetic acid**



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MS (ES): 487.09 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) .**Example 192**

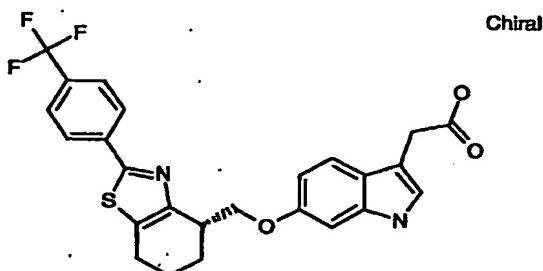
15 **{5-[2-(4-Trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-benzothiazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid**

MS (ES): 485.06 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) .**Example 193**

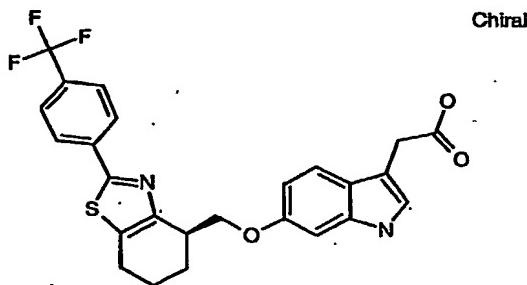
20 **{6-[2-(4-Trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-benzothiazol-4-ylmethoxy]-1H-indol-3-yl}-acetic acid**

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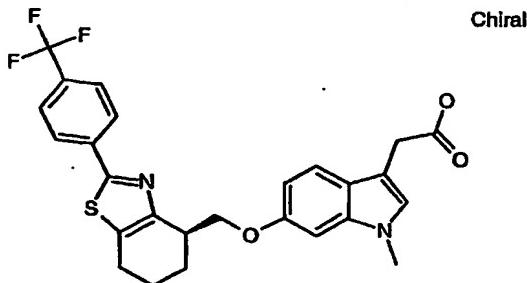
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MS (ES) : 487.06 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) .**Example 194**

5 {6-[2-(4-Trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-benzothiazol-4-ylmethoxy]-1H-indol-3-yl}-acetic acid

MS (ES) : 487.08 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) .**Example 195**

10 {1-Methyl-6-[2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-benzothiazol-4-ylmethoxy]-1H-indol-3-yl}-acetic acid

MS (ES) : 501.08 ( $M^+ + 1$ ) .

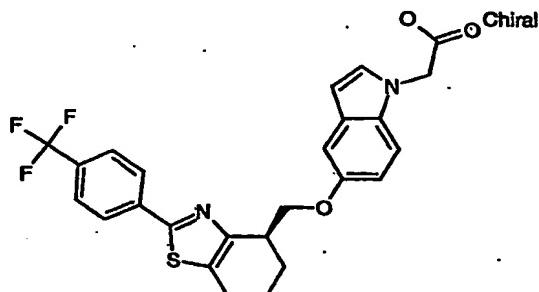
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**Example 196**

{5-[2-(4-Trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-benzothiazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid

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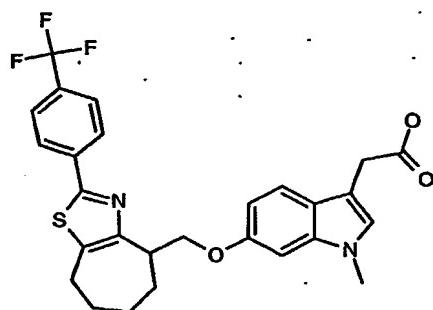
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MS (ES) : 487.12 ( $M^+ + 1$ )

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**Example 197**

**{1-Methyl-6-[2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-4H-cycloheptathiazol-4-ylmethoxy]-1H-indol-3-yl}-acetic acid**

10 MS (ES) : 515.13 ( $M^+ + 1$ )**Biological Assays**Binding and Cotransfection Studies

The in vitro potency of compounds in modulating PPAR $\alpha$  receptors are determined by the procedures detailed below. DNA-dependent binding (ABCD binding) is carried out using SPA technology with PPAR receptors. Tritium-labeled PPAR $\alpha$  agonists are used as radioligands for generating displacement curves and IC<sub>50</sub> values with compounds of the invention. Cotransfection assays are carried out in CV-1 cells. The reporter plasmid contained an acylCoA oxidase

(AOX) PPRE and TK promoter upstream of the luciferase reporter cDNA. Appropriate PPARs are constitutively expressed using plasmids containing the CMV promoter. For PPAR $\alpha$ , interference by endogenous PPAR $\gamma$  in CV-1 cells is an issue. In order to eliminate such interference, a GAL4 chimeric system is used in which the DNA binding domain of the transfected PPAR is replaced by that of GAL4, and the GAL4 response element is utilized in place of the AOX PPRE. Cotransfection efficacy is determined relative to PPAR $\alpha$  agonist reference molecules. Efficacies are determined by computer fit to a concentration-response curve, or in some cases at a single high concentration of agonist (10  $\mu$ M).

These studies are carried out to evaluate the ability of compounds of the invention to bind to and/or activate various nuclear transcription factors, particularly huPPAR $\alpha$  ("hu" indicates "human"). These studies provide in vitro data concerning efficacy and selectivity of compounds of the invention. Furthermore, binding and cotransfection data for compounds of the invention are compared with corresponding data for marketed compounds that act on huPPAR $\alpha$ .

The binding and cotransfection efficacy values for compounds of the invention which are especially useful for modulating a PPAR receptor, are  $\leq$  100 nM and  $\geq$  50%, respectively.

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Evaluation of Triglyceride Reduction and HDL Cholesterol Elevation in HuapoAI Transgenic Mice

Compounds of the present invention are studied for effects upon HDL and triglyceride levels in human apoAI mice. For each compound tested, seven to eight week old male mice, transgenic for human apoAI (C57BL/6-tgn(apoal)1rub, Jackson Laboratory, Bar Harbor, ME) are

acclimated in individual cages for two weeks with standard chow diet (Purina 5001) and water provided ad libitum. After the acclimation, mice and chow are weighed and assigned to test groups ( $n = 5$ ) with randomization by body weight. Mice are dosed daily by oral gavage for 8 days using a 29 gauge, 1-1/2 inch curved feeding needle (Popper & Sons). The vehicle for the controls, test compounds and the positive control (fenofibrate 100mg/kg) is 1% carboxymethylcellulose (w/v) with 0.25% tween 80 (w/v). All mice are dosed daily between 6 and 8 a.m. with a dosing volume of 0.2ml. Prior to termination, animals and diets are weighed and body weight change and food consumption are calculated. Three hours after last dose, mice are euthanized with CO<sub>2</sub> and blood is removed (0.5-1.0 ml) by cardiac puncture. After sacrifice, the liver, heart, and epididymal fat pad are excised and weighed. Blood is permitted to clot and serum is separated from the blood by centrifugation.

Cholesterol and triglycerides are measured colorimetrically using commercially prepared reagents (for example, as available from Sigma #339-1000 and Roche #450061 for triglycerides and cholesterol, respectively). The procedures are modified from published work (McGowan M. W. et al., Clin Chem 29:538-542, 1983; Allain C. C. et al., Clin Chem 20:470-475, 1974. Commercially available standards for triglycerides and total cholesterol, respectively, commercial quality control plasma, and samples are measured in duplicate using 200  $\mu$ l of reagent. An additional aliquot of sample, added to a well containing 200  $\mu$ l water, provided a blank for each specimen. Plates are incubated at room temperature on a plate shaker and absorbance is read at 500 nm and 540 nm for total cholesterol and triglycerides,

respectively. Values for the positive control are always within the expected range and the coefficient of variation for samples is below 10%. All samples from an experiment are assayed at the same time to minimize inter-assay

5 variability.

Serum lipoproteins are separated and cholesterol quantitated by fast protein liquid chromatography (FPLC) coupled to an in line detection system. Samples are applied to a Superose 6 HR size exclusion column (Amersham Pharmacia 10 Biotech) and eluted with phosphate buffered saline-EDTA at 0.5 ml/min. Cholesterol reagent (Roche Diagnostics Chol/HP 704036) at 0.16ml/min mixed with the column effluent through a T-connection and the mixture passed through a 15 m x 0.5 mm id knitted tubing reactor immersed in a 37 C water bath. 15 The colored product produced in the presence of cholesterol is monitored in the flow stream at 505 nm and the analog voltage from the monitor is converted to a digital signal for collection and analysis. The change in voltage corresponding to change in cholesterol concentration is 20 plotted vs time and the area under the curve corresponding to the elution of very low density lipoprotein (VLDL), low density lipoprotein (LDL) and high density lipoprotein (HDL) is calculated using Perkin Elmer Turbochrome software.

Triglyceride Serum Levels in Mice Dosed with a Compound 25 of the Invention is Compared to Mice Receiving the Vehicle to identify compounds which could be particularly useful for lowering triglycerides. Generally, triglyceride decreases of greater than or equal to 30% (thirty percent) compared to control following a 30 mg/kg dose suggests a compound that 30 can be especially useful for lowering triglyceride levels.

The percent increase of HDLc serum levels in mice receiving a compound of the invention is compared to mice

receiving vehicle to identify compounds of the invention that could be particularly useful for elevating HDL levels. Generally, and increase of greater than or equal to 25% (twenty five percent) increase in HDLc level following a 30 mg/kg dose suggests a compound that can be especially useful for elevating HDLc levels.

It may be particularly desirable to select compounds of this invention that both lower triglyceride levels and increase HDLc levels. However, compounds that either lower triglyceride levels or increase HDLc levels may be desirable as well.

Evaluation of Glucose Levels in db/db Mice

The effects upon plasma glucose associated with administering various dose levels of different compounds of the present invention and the PPAR gamma agonist rosiglitazone (BRL49653) or the PPAR alpha agonist fenofibrate, and the control, to male db/db mice, are studied.

Five week old male diabetic (db/db) mice [for example, C57BlKs/j-m +/- Lepr(db), Jackson Laboratory, Bar Harbor, ME] or lean littermates are housed 6 per cage with food and water available at all times. After an acclimation period of 2 weeks, animals are individually identified by ear notches, weighed, and bled via the tail vein for determination of initial glucose levels. Blood is collected (100 µl) from unfasted animals by wrapping each mouse in a towel, cutting the tip of the tail with a scalpel, and milking blood from the tail into a heparinized capillary tube. Sample is discharged into a heparinized microtainer with gel separator and retained on ice. Plasma is obtained after centrifugation at 4°C and glucose measured

immediately. Remaining plasma is frozen until the completion of the experiment, when glucose and triglycerides are assayed in all samples. Animals are grouped based on initial glucose levels and body weights. Beginning the  
5 following morning, mice are dosed daily by oral gavage for 7 days. Treatments are test compounds (30 mg/kg), a positive control agent (30 mg/kg) or vehicle [1% carboxymethylcellulose (w/v)/ 0.25% Tween80 (w/v); 0.3 ml/mouse]. On day 7, mice are weighed and bled (tail vein)  
10 3 hours after dosing. Twenty-four hours after the 7<sup>th</sup> dose (i.e., day 8), animals are bled again (tail vein). Samples obtained from conscious animals on days 0, 7 and 8 are assayed for glucose. After the 24-hour bleed, animals are weighed and dosed for the final time. Three hours after  
15 dosing on day 8, animals are anesthetized by inhalation of isoflurane and blood obtained via cardiac puncture (0.5-0.7 ml). Whole blood is transferred to serum separator tubes, chilled on ice and permitted to clot. Serum is obtained after centrifugation at 4°C and frozen until analysis for  
20 compound levels. After sacrifice by cervical dislocation, the liver, heart and epididymal fat pads are excised and weighed.

Glucose is measured colorimetrically using commercially purchased reagents. According to the manufacturers, the  
25 procedures are modified from published work (McGowan, M. W., Artiss, J. D., Strandbergh, D. R. & Zak, B. Clin Chem, 20:470-5 (1974) and Keston, A. Specific colorimetric enzymatic analytical reagents for glucose. Abstract of papers 129th Meeting ACS, 31C (1956).); and depend on the  
30 release of a mole of hydrogen peroxide for each mole of analyte, coupled with a color reaction first described by Trinder (Trinder, P. Determination of glucose in blood using

glucose oxidase with an alternative oxygen acceptor. Ann Clin Biochem, 6:24 (1969)). The absorbance of the dye produced is linearly related to the analyte in the sample. The assays are further modified in our laboratory for use in 5 a 96 well format. The commercially available standard for glucose, commercially available quality control plasma, and samples (2 or 5 µl/well) are measured in duplicate using 200 µl of reagent. An additional aliquot of sample, pipetted to a third well and diluted in 200 µl water, provided a blank 10 for each specimen. Plates are incubated at room temperature for 18 minutes for glucose on a plate shaker (DPC Micormix 5) and absorbance read at 500 nm on a plate reader. Sample absorbances are compared to a standard curve (100-800 for glucose). Values for the quality control sample are always 15 within the expected range and the coefficient of variation for samples is below 10%. All samples from an experiment are assayed at the same time to minimize inter-assay variability.

20        Evaluation of the Effects of Compounds of the Present Invention upon A<sup>y</sup> Mice Body Weight, Fat Mass, Glucose and Insulin Levels

Female A<sup>y</sup> Mice

Female A<sup>y</sup> mice are singly housed, maintained under 25 standardized conditions (22°C, 12 h light:dark cycle), and provided free access to food and water throughout the duration of the study. At twenty weeks of age the mice are randomly assigned to vehicle control and treated groups based on body weight and body fat content as assessed by 30 DEXA scanning (N=6). Mice are then dosed via oral gavage with either vehicle or a Compound of this invention (50 mg/kg) one hour after the initiation of the light cycle (for

example, about 7 A.M.) for 18 days. Body weights are measured daily throughout the study. On day 14 mice are maintained in individual metabolic chambers for indirect calorimetry assessment of energy expenditure and fuel utilization. On day 18 mice are again subjected to DEXA scanning for post treatment measurement of body composition.

The results of p.o. dosing of compound for 18 days on body weight, fat mass, and lean mass are evaluated and suggest which compounds of this invention can be especially useful for maintaining desirable weight and/or promoting desired lean to fat mass.

Indirect calorimetry measurements revealing a significant reduction in respiratory quotient (RQ) in treated animals during the dark cycle [ $0.864 \pm 0.013$  (Control) vs.  $0.803 \pm 0.007$  (Treated);  $p < 0.001$ ] is indicative of an increased utilization of fat during the animals' active (dark) cycle and can be used to selected especially desired compounds of this invention. Additionally, treated animals displaying significantly higher rates of energy expenditure than control animals suggest such compounds of this invention can be especially desired.

#### Male KK/A<sup>y</sup> Mice

Male KK/A<sup>y</sup> mice are singly housed, maintained under standardized conditions (22°C, 12 h light:dark cycle), and provided free access to food and water throughout the duration of the study. At twenty-two weeks of age the mice are randomly assigned to vehicle control and treated groups based on plasma glucose levels. Mice are then dosed via oral gavage with either vehicle or a Compound of this invention (30 mg/kg) one hour after the initiation of the

light cycle (7 A.M.) for 14 days. Plasma glucose, triglyceride, and insulin levels are assessed on day 14.

The results of p.o. dosing of compound for 14 days on plasma glucose, triglycerides, and insulin are evaluated to 5 identify compounds of this invention which may be especially desired.

Method to Elucidate the LDL-cholesterol Total-cholesterol and Triglyceride Lowering Effect

10 Male Syrian hamsters (Harlan Sprague Dawley) weighing 80-120 g are placed on a high-fat cholesterol-rich diet for two to three weeks prior to use. Feed and water are provided ad libitum throughout the course of the experiment. Under these conditions, hamsters become hypercholesterolemic 15 showing plasma cholesterol levels between 180-280 mg/dl. (Hamsters fed with normal chow have a total plasma cholesterol level between 100-150 mg/dl.). Hamsters with high plasma cholesterol (180 mg/dl and above) are randomized into treatment groups based on their total cholesterol level 20 using the GroupOptimizeV211.xls program.

A Compound of this invention is dissolved in an aqueous vehicle (containing CMC with Tween 80) such that each hamster received once a day approx. 1 ml of the solution by garvage at doses 3 and 30 mg/kg body weight.

25 Fenofibrate (Sigma Chemical, prepared as a suspension in the same vehicle) is given as a known alpha-agonist control at a dose of 200 mg/kg, and the blank control is vehicle alone. Dosing is performed daily in the early morning for 14 days.

Quantification of Plasma Lipids :

30 On the last day of the test, hamsters are bled (400 ul) from the suborbital sinus while under isoflurane anesthesia 2 h after dosing. Blood samples are collected into heparinized

microfuge tubes chilled in ice bath. Plasma samples are separated from the blood cells by brief centrifugation. Total cholesterol and triglycerides are determined by means of enzymatic assays carried out automatically in the Monarch 5 equipment (Instrumentation Laboratory) following the manufacturer's procedure. Plasma lipoproteins (VLDL, LDL and HDL) are resolved by injecting 25 ul of the pooled plasma samples into an FPLC system eluted with phosphate buffered saline at 0.5 ml/min through a Superose 6 HR 10/30 10 column (Pharmacia) maintained room temp. Detection and characterization of the isolated plasma lipids are accomplished by postcolumn incubation of the effluent with a Cholesterol/HP reagent (for example, Roche Lab System; infused at 0.12 ml/min) in a knitted reaction coil 15 maintained at 37°C. The intensity of the color formed is proportional to the cholesterol concentration and is measured photometrically at 505 nm.

The effect of administration of a Compound of this invention for 14 days is studied for the percent reduction 20 in LDL level with reference to the vehicle group. Especially desired compounds are markedly more potent than fenofibrate in LDL-lowering efficacy. Compounds of this invention that decrease LDL greater than or equal to 30% (thirty percent) compared to vehicle can be especially 25 desired.

The total-cholesterol and triglyceride lowering effects of a Compound of this invention is also studied. The data for reduction in total cholesterol and triglyceride levels after treatment with a compound of this invention for 14 30 days is compared to the vehicle to suggest compounds that can be particularly desired. The known control fenofibrate

did not show significant efficacy under the same experimental conditions.

**Method to Elucidate the Fibrinogen-Lowering Effect of**

**5 PPAR Modulators**

**Zucker Fatty Rat Model:**

The life phase of the study on fibrinogen-lowering effect of compounds of this invention is part of the life phase procedures for the antidiabetic studies of the same compounds. On the last (14<sup>th</sup>) day of the treatment period, with the animals placed under surgical anesthesia, ~ 3ml of blood is collected, by cardiac puncture, into a syringe containing citrate buffer. The blood sample is chilled and centrifuged at 4°C to isolate the plasma that is stored at -70 °C prior to fibrinogen assay.

**Quantification of Rat Plasma Fibrinogen:**

Rat plasma fibrinogen levels are quantified by using a commercial assay system consists of a coagulation instrument following the manufacturer's protocol. In essence, 100 ul of plasma is sampled from each specimen and a 1/20 dilution is prepared with buffer. The diluted plasma is incubated at 37°C for 240 seconds. Fifty microliters of clotting reagent thrombin solution (provided by the instrument's manufacturer in a standard concentration) is then added. The instrument monitors the clotting time, a function of fibrinogen concentration quantified with reference to standard samples. Compounds that lower fibrinogen level greater than vehicle can be especially desired.

Cholesterol and triglyceride lowering effects of compounds of this invention are also studied in Zucker rats.

Method to Elucidate the Anti-body Weight Gain and Anti-appetite Effects of Compounds of this invention

**Fourteen-Day Study in Zucker Fatty Rat<sup>1</sup> or ZDF Rat<sup>2</sup> Models :**

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Male Zucker Fatty rats, non-diabetic (Charles River Laboratories, Wilmington, MA) or male ZDF rats (Genetic Models, Inc, Indianapolis, IN) of comparable age and weight are acclimated for 1 week prior to treatment. Rats are on normal chow and water is provided ad libitum throughout the course of the experiment.

Compounds of this invention are dissolved in an aqueous vehicle such that each rat received once a day approximately

15 1 ml of the solution by garvage at doses 0.1, 0.3, 1 and 3 mg/kg body weight. Fenofibrate (Sigma Chemical, prepared as a suspension in the same vehicle) a known alpha-agonist given at doses of 300 mg/kg, as well as the vehicle are controls. Dosing is performed daily in the early morning 20 for 14 days. Over the course of the experiment, body weight and food consumption are monitored.

Using this assay, compounds of this invention are identified to determine which can be associated with a significant weight reduction.

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**EQUIVALENTS:**

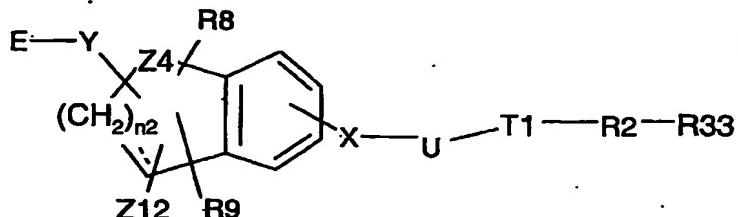
While this invention has been particularly shown and described with references to preferred embodiments thereof, it will be understood by those skilled in the art that

30 various changes in form and details may be made therein without departing from the scope of the invention encompassed by the appended claims.

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

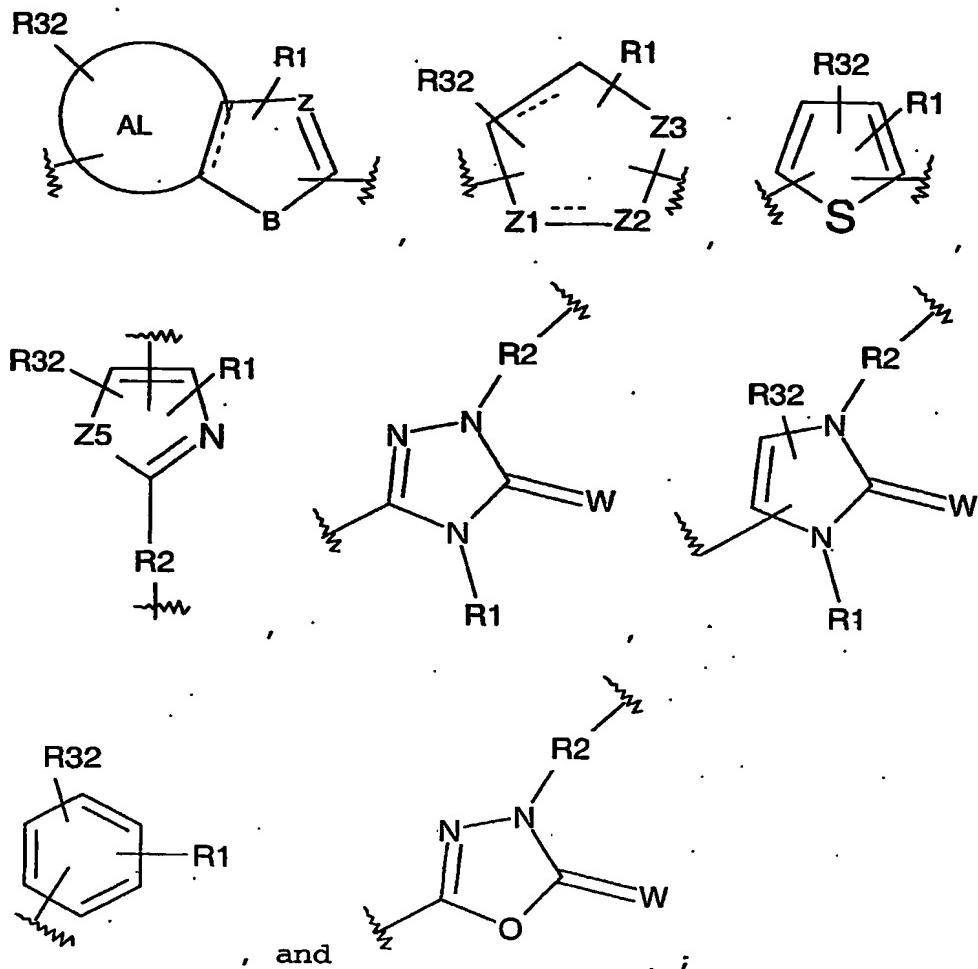
A compound of the Formula I:



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and stereoisomers, pharmaceutically acceptable salts, solvates and hydrates thereof, wherein:

- 10 (a) T1 is selected from the group consisting of



- 5           (b) R1 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkenyl, aryl-C<sub>0-4</sub>-alkyl, aryl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-heteroalkyl, heteroaryl-C<sub>0-4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> cycloalkylaryl-C<sub>0-2</sub>-alkyl, and, wherein C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkenyl, aryl-C<sub>0-4</sub>-alkyl, aryl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-heteroalkyl, heteroaryl-C<sub>0-4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> cycloalkylaryl-C<sub>0-2</sub>-alkyl are each optionally substituted with from one to three substituents independently selected from R1';
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- (c) R<sub>1'</sub>, R<sub>26</sub>, R<sub>27</sub>, R<sub>28</sub>, R<sub>31</sub>, Z<sub>14'</sub>, and Z<sub>15'</sub> are each independently the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, halo, oxo, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl-COOR<sub>12</sub>, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> haloalkyloxy, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> cycloalkyl, aryloxy, aryl-C<sub>0</sub>-4-alkyl, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, C(O)R<sub>13</sub>, COOR<sub>14</sub>, OC(O)R<sub>15</sub>, OS(O)<sub>2</sub>R<sub>16</sub>, N(R<sub>17</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, NR<sub>18</sub>C(O)R<sub>19</sub>, NR<sub>20</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>21</sub>, SR<sub>22</sub>, S(O)R<sub>23</sub>, S(O)<sub>2</sub>R<sub>24</sub>, and S(O)<sub>2</sub>N(R<sub>25</sub>)<sub>2</sub>; R<sub>12</sub>, R<sub>13</sub>, R<sub>14</sub>, R<sub>15</sub>, R<sub>16</sub>, R<sub>17</sub>, R<sub>18</sub>, R<sub>19</sub>, R<sub>20</sub>, R<sub>21</sub>, R<sub>22</sub>, R<sub>23</sub>, R<sub>24</sub> and R<sub>25</sub> are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl and aryl;
- (d) R<sub>2</sub> is selected from the group consisting of C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl and C<sub>1</sub>-6-heteroalkyl;
- (e) X is selected from the group consisting of a bond, O, S, S(O)<sub>2</sub> and N;
- (f) U is an aliphatic linker wherein one carbon atom of the aliphatic linker may be replaced with O, NH or S, and wherein such aliphatic linker is optionally substituted with R<sub>30</sub>;
- (g) Y is selected from the group consisting of C, O, S, NH and a single bond;
- (h) E is C(R<sub>3</sub>)(R<sub>4</sub>)A or A and wherein
- (i) A is selected from the group consisting of carboxyl, tetrazole, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkynitrile, carboxamide, sulfonamide and acylsulfonamide; wherein sulfonamide, acylsulfonamide and tetrazole are each optionally substituted with from one to two groups independently selected from R<sup>7</sup>;
- (ii) each R<sup>7</sup> is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> haloalkyl,

5.       aryl-C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, wherein such alkyl and arylalkyl are each optionally substituted with from one to two groups independently selected from R7'; each R7' is independently selected from halo, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, and haloC<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl;
- 10       (iii) R3 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> alkyl, and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> alkoxy; and
- 15       (iv) R4 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> alkoxy, aryloxy, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> cycloalkyl, and aryl C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, and R3 and R4 are optionally combined to form a C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> cycloalkyl, and wherein alkyl, alkoxy, cycloalkyl and aryl-alkyl are each optionally substituted with one to three each independently selected from R26;
- 20       (i) B is selected from the group consisting of S, O and when Z is C then B is N;
- 25       (j) Z is selected from the group consisting of N and C;
- 30       (k) Z<sub>1</sub> and Z<sub>2</sub> are each independently N or C with the proviso that at least one of Z<sub>1</sub> and Z<sub>2</sub> is N;
- (l) Z<sub>3</sub> is N or O;
- (m) Z<sub>4</sub> is selected from the group consisting of N, S, and O;
- (n) Z<sub>5</sub> is S or O;
- (o) Z<sub>12</sub> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and -Z<sub>13</sub>C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkylZ<sub>14</sub>;
- (p) Z<sub>13</sub> is selected from the group consisting of a single bond, CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, CONZ<sub>15</sub>, and SO<sub>2</sub>;
- (q) Z<sub>14</sub> is selected from the group consisting of aryl and heteroaryl, wherein the aryl and heteroaryl is

each optionally substituted with from one to three substituents independently selected from Z14';

- (r) Z15 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and is selected from the group consisting of aryl and heteroaryl, wherein the aryl and heteroaryl is each optionally substituted with from one to three substituents independently selected from Z15';
- (s) W is independently selected from the group consisting of S and O;
- (t) n2 is 1 to 3;
- (u) R8 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkylenyl, oxo, sulfo, and halo;
- (v) R9 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkylenyl, halo, aryl-C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, heteroaryl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> allyl, oxo, sulfo, and OR29, and R8 and R9 together optionally combine to form a fused C5-C6 ring with the carbons to which they are attached, and wherein aryl-C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl, heteroaryl are each optionally substituted with from one to three independently selected from R27; R29 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl;
- (w) R10, R11 are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, halo, oxo, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl-COOR12'', C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> haloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> haloalkyloxy, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> cycloalkyl, aryl-C<sub>0</sub>-4-alkyl, aryl-C<sub>1</sub>-6-heteroalkyl, heteroaryl-C<sub>0</sub>-4-alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> cycloalkylaryl-C<sub>0</sub>-2-alkyl, aryloxy, C(O)R13', COOR14', OC(O)R15', OS(O)<sub>2</sub>R16', N(R17')<sub>2</sub>,

NR<sub>18</sub>'C(O)R<sub>19</sub>', NR<sub>20</sub>'SO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>21</sub>', SR<sub>22</sub>', S(O)R<sub>23</sub>', S(O)<sub>2</sub>R<sub>24</sub>', and S(O)<sub>2</sub>N(R<sub>25</sub>')<sub>2</sub>; and wherein aryl-C<sub>0-4</sub>-alkyl, aryl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-heteroalkyl, heteroaryl-C<sub>0-4</sub>-alkyl, and C<sub>3-C6</sub> cycloalkylaryl-C<sub>0-2</sub>-alkyl are

5 each optionally substituted with from one to three independently selected from R<sub>28</sub>;

(x) R<sub>12</sub>', R<sub>12</sub>''', R<sub>13</sub>', R<sub>14</sub>', R<sub>15</sub>', R<sub>16</sub>', R<sub>17</sub>', R<sub>18</sub>', R<sub>19</sub>', R<sub>20</sub>', R<sub>21</sub>', R<sub>22</sub>', R<sub>23</sub>', R<sub>24</sub>', and R<sub>25</sub>' are each independently selected from the group

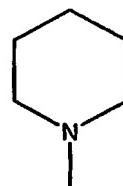
10 consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1-C6</sub> alkyl and aryl;

(y) R<sub>30</sub> is selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-C6</sub> alkyl, aryl-C<sub>0-4</sub>-alkyl, aryl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-heteroalkyl, heteroaryl-C<sub>0-4</sub>-alkyl, and C<sub>3-C6</sub> cycloalkylaryl-C<sub>0-2</sub>-alkyl, and wherein C<sub>1-C6</sub> alkyl, aryl-C<sub>0-4</sub>-

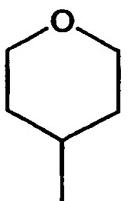
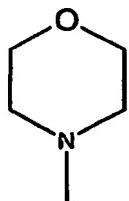
15 alkyl, aryl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-heteroalkyl, heteroaryl-C<sub>0-4</sub>-alkyl, and C<sub>3-C6</sub> cycloalkylaryl-C<sub>0-2</sub>-alkyl are each optionally substituted with from one to three substituents each independently selected from R<sub>31</sub>;

(z) R<sub>32</sub> is selected from the group consisting of a bond, hydrogen, halo, C<sub>1-C6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1-C6</sub> haloalkyl, and C<sub>1-C6</sub> alkyloxo;

20 (aa) R<sub>33</sub> is selected from the group consisting of

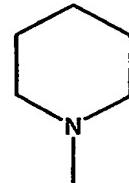


phenyl, thiophene, pyridine, piperidine,

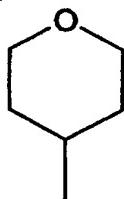
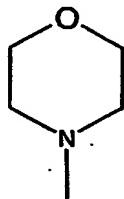


, and

, wherein the phenyl,



thiophene, pyridine, piperidine,



, and , are each optionally substituted with R10 and R11;

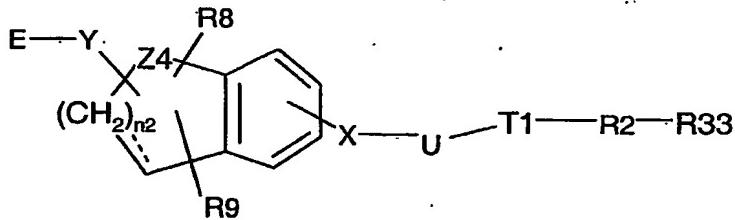
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(bb) AL is selected from the group consisting of a fused C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> carbocyclic and a fused phenyl; and

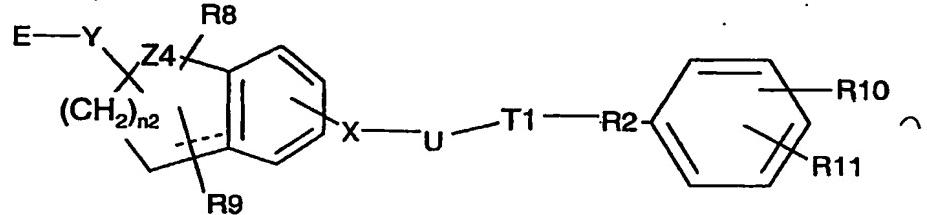
(cc) "----" are each independently an optional bond to form a double bond at the indicated position.

2. A compound as claimed by Claim 1 wherein the compound is of the Formula I':

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3. A compound as claimed by Claim 1 wherein the compound is of the Formula I'':



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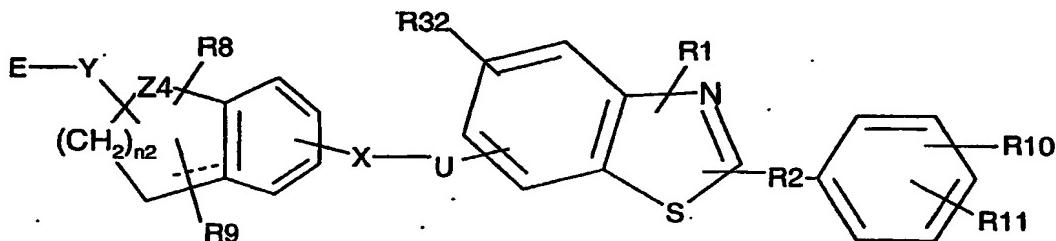
4. A compound as claimed by Claim 1, 2 or 3 wherein Z4 is N.

5. A compound as claimed by Claim 1, 2, or 3 wherein Z4 is O.

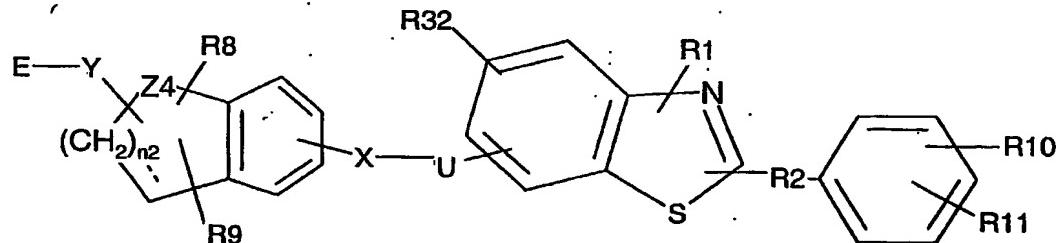
6. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 5 wherein n2 is 1 and "----" forms a double bond in the ring containing n2.
7. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 5 wherein n2 is 2.
8. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 7 wherein X is -O-.
9. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 7 wherein X is -S-.
10. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 9 wherein Y is O.
11. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 9 wherein Y is C.
12. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 9 wherein Y is S.
13. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 12 wherein Z is N.
14. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 13 wherein B is S or O.
20. 15. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 13, wherein B is N.
16. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 15 wherein AL is a fused phenyl.
17. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 25 13 wherein Z2 and Z3 are each N.
18. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 17 wherein E is C(R3)(R4)A.
19. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 18 wherein E is A.
30. 20. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 19 wherein A is COOH.

21. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 20 wherein R10 is haloalkyl.
22. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 21 wherein R10 is CF<sub>3</sub>.
- 5 23. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 20 wherein R10 is haloalkyloxy.
24. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 20 wherein R10 and R11 are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo, oxo, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl-COOR12'', C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> haloalkyl, and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> haloalkyloxy.
- 10 25. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 20 wherein R10 is selected from the group consisting of C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> cycloalkyl, aryl-C<sub>0-4</sub>-alkyl, aryl-C<sub>1-6</sub>-heteroalkyl, heteroaryl-C<sub>0-4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> cycloalkylaryl-C<sub>0-2</sub>-alkyl, and aryloxy.
- 15 26. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 25, wherein R8 and R9 are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl.
- 20 27. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 26 wherein R1, R2, R3, and R4 are each independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub> alkyl.
28. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 26 wherein R1, R3, and R4 are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub> alkyl.
- 25 29. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 26 and 28 wherein R2 is a bond.
30. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 29 wherein U is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl.
31. A compound as claimed by Claim 30 wherein U is saturated.

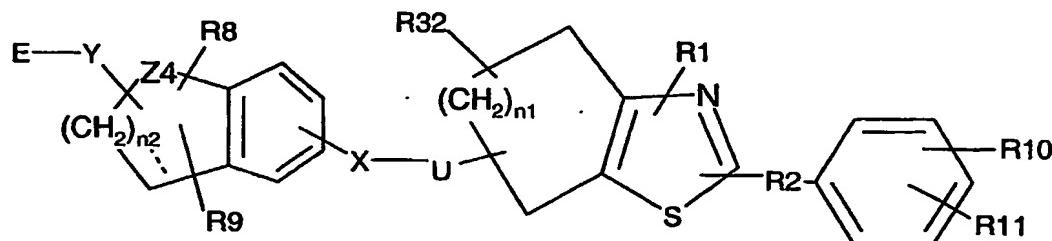
32. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 30 or 31 wherein U is substituted with C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl.
33. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 30 through 33 wherein one carbon is replaced with an -O-.
- 5 34. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 16 or Claims 18 through 32 of the Structural Formula II:



- 10 35. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 16 or Claims 18 through 32 of the Structural Formula III:



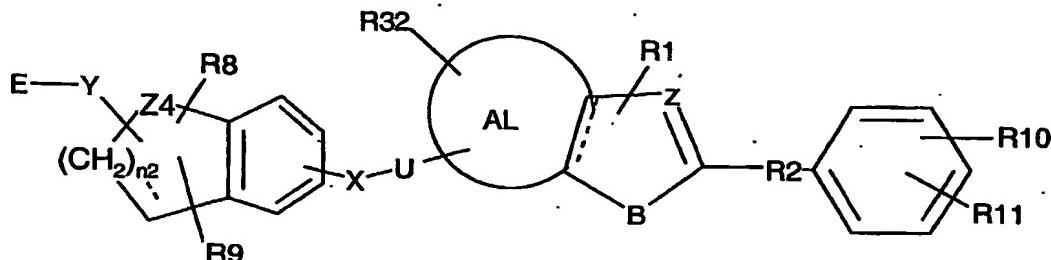
- 15 36. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 16 or Claims 18 through 32 of the Structural Formula IV:



; wherein n1 is 1 to 5.

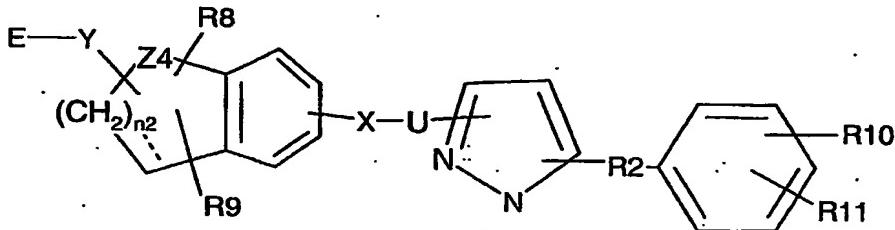
37. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 16 or Claims 18 through 32 of the Structural

Formula V:



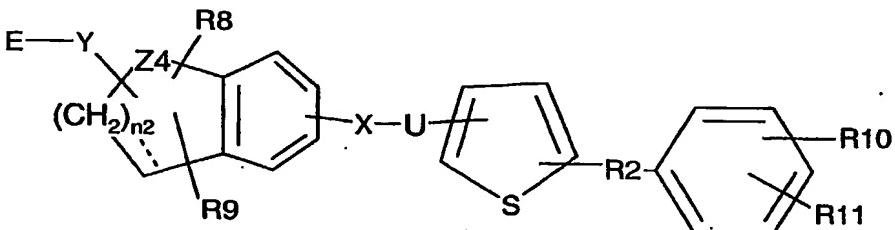
38. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 12 or Claims 17 through 32 of the Structural

5 Formula VI:



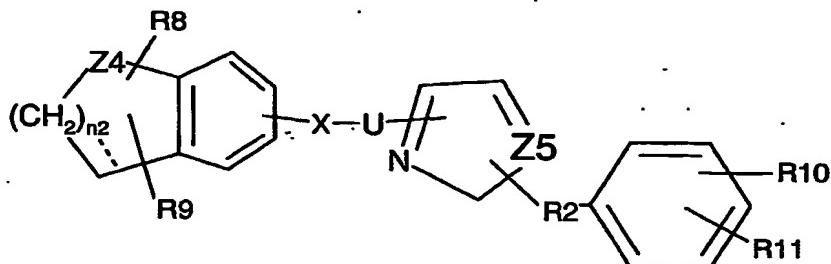
39. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 12 or Claims 18 through 32 of the Structural

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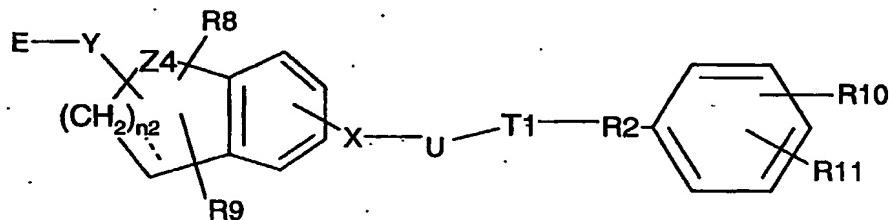


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40. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 12 or Claims 18 through 32 of the Structural

**Formula VIII:**

41. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 12 or Claims 18 through 32 of the Structural  
5 Formula IX:



42. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 29-40 wherein n2 is 1 and Z4 is N.

43. A compound as claimed by Claim 41 wherein at least  
10 one "----" forms a double bond.

44. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 29-41 wherein Z4 is O and n2 is 1.

45. A compound as Claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 25 or one of Claims 27 through 33 wherein R8 and  
15 R9 are each oxo or sulfo, Z4 is N, and Y is bonded to Z4.

46. A compound as claimed by Claim 1 wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of  
(5-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-

20 ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;

[5-(5-Methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy)-indol-1-yl]-acetic acid;

(5-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;

{5-[2-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;

5 {5-[2-(4-Benzyl-oxy-phenyl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;

2-Methyl-2-(5-{2-[2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid;

10 {5-[4-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;

2-Methyl-2-(5-{2-[4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid;

15 {5-[2-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;

{5-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;

2-Methyl-2-{5-[4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid;

20 Racemic 2-{5-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid;

- {5-[2-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;
- (5-[4-Butyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;
- 5 2-(5-[4-Butyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid;
- {5-[4-Phenethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;
- 10 2-(5-[4-(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenoxy-methyl)-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid;
- {5-[4-Phenoxy-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;
- Racemic 2-Methyl-2-{5-[4-phenoxy-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid;
- 15 2-Methyl-2-{5-[4-phenoxy-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid;
- 20 3-{5-[4-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid;
- 5-{5-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-pentanoic acid;

5-{5-[4-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-pentanoic acid;  
(5-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;  
5 {5-[4-(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenoxy-methyl)-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;  
2-{5-[4-(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenoxy-methyl)-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-2-methyl-propionic acid;  
10 5-{5-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-pentanoic acid;  
5-{5-[2-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-pentanoic acid;  
15 5-{5-[4-Phenethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-pentanoic acid;  
4-[1-(4-Carboxy-butyl)-1H-indol-5-yloxy-methyl]-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazole-5-carboxylic acid;  
20 3-{5-[2-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid;  
3-{5-[4-Phenethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid;

3-(5-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid;

4-[1-(2-Carboxy-ethyl)-1H-indol-5-yloxy-methyl]-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazole-5-carboxylic acid;

5 {5-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethylsulfanyl]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;

10 {5-[4-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;

{5-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;

{5-[2-(5-Methyl-2-pyridin-4-yl-thiazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;

15 {5-[2-(5-Methyl-2-morpholin-4-yl-thiazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;

{5-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;

{5-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(tetrahydro-pyran-4-yl)-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;

20 {5-[2-(2-Butoxy-5-methyl-oxazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;

{5-[2-(5-Methyl-2-pyridin-3-yl-thiazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;

{5-[2-(5-Methyl-2-pyridin-2-yl-thiazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;  
(5-{2-[2-(5-Bromo-thiophen-2-yl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;

5 {5-[3-(4-Butyl-phenoxy)-propoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;  
(5-{2-[2-(3-Bromo-phenyl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;  
(5-{2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;

10 2-(5-{2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid;  
(5-{2-[2-(2-Chloro-phenyl)-5-ethyl-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;

15 2-(5-{2-[2-(2-Chloro-phenyl)-5-ethyl-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid;  
(5-{2-[5-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;

20 2-(5-{2-[5-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid;  
2-(5-{2-[2-(2-Chloro-phenyl)-5-ethyl-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-2-methyl-propionic acid;

Racemic 2-(5-{2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid;

5 (5-{2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;

2-(5-{2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-2-methyl-propionic acid;

10 3-(5-{2-[2-(2-Chloro-phenyl)-5-ethyl-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid;

3-(5-{2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid;

15 2-Methyl-2-(5-{2-[5-propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid;

Racemic-(5-{1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;

20 Racemic-(5-{1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;

Racemic-(5-{1-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;

Racemic-(5-{2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-1-methyl-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;

5 Racemic-(5-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;

(5-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;

10 (S)-(5-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;

(R)-(5-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;

15 Racemic-(5-{1-[4-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;

Racemic-(6-{1-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

20 Racemic-(6-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

Racemic-(1-Methyl-6-{2-[5-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

(S)- (6-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

(S)- (6-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

5 Racemic- (6-Hydroxy-5-{1-[4-isopropyl-2-(4-

trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethyl}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

(6-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-

10 acetic acid;

(1-Methyl-6-{2-[4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

(6-{2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

(R)- (6-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

20 (S)- (6-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

Racemic-(1-Methyl-6-{2-[4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

5 Racemic-(1-Ethyl-6-{2-[4-isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

Racemic-(6-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-1-propyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

10 Racemic-(5-{1-[4-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;  
(5-[4-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;

15 Racemic-2-{5-[4-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid;

2-Methyl-2-{5-[4-propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid;

20 Racemic-2-{5-[4-Phenethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid;

2-Methyl-2-{5-[4-phenethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid;

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- {5-[4-Phenethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;
- {5-[4-Phenyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;
- 5 {5-[4-tert-Butyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;
- {5-[4-[2-(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenyl)-ethyl]-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;
- 10 2-Methyl-2-[5-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy)-indol-1-yl]-propionic acid;
- 2-{5-[2-(4-Trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-2-methyl-propionic acid;
- 15 2-{5-[2-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-2-methyl-propionic acid;
- 2-{5-[2-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-2-methyl-propionic acid;
- 2-Methyl-2-(5-{2-[5-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-propionic acid;
- 20 2-(5-{2-[2-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-2-methyl-propionic acid;
- 2-(5-{2-[2-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-2-methyl-propionic acid;
- 2-(5-{2-[2-(5-Bromo-thiophen-2-yl)-5-methyl-oxazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-2-methyl-propionic acid;

2-Methyl-2-{5-[2-(5-methyl-2-phenyl-thiazol-4-yl)-ethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-propionic acid;  
(5-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-2-methyl-indol-1-yl)-acetic  
5 acid;  
2-{5-[2-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4-methyl-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-2-methyl-propionic acid;  
{4-[4-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;  
10 {1-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethyl]-1H-indol-5-yloxy}-acetic acid;  
Racemic-(5-{1-[4-(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenyl)-ethyl]-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl}-ethoxy)-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;  
15 Racemic-(5-{1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-2-phenyl-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;  
Racemic-(5-{1-[4-Phenethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic  
20 acid;  
2-{5-[4-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-2-methyl-propionic acid;

racemic(6-{1-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

5           racemic(6-{1-[4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

(R)-(5-{1-[4-[2-(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenyl)-ethyl]-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;

10           (S)-(5-{1-[4-[2-(2-Chloro-6-fluoro-phenyl)-ethyl]-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;

(S)-(5-{1-[4-[2-(2-phenylethyl)]-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;

15           (R)-(5-{1-[4-[2-(2-phenylethyl)]-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;

(R)-(6-{1-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

20           (S)-(6-{1-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

(S)-(5-{1-[4-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;

(R) - (5-{1-[4-Propyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-  
thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;

(R) - (5-{1-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-  
thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;

5 (R) - (5-{1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-  
thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;

(S) - (5-{1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-  
thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;

10 (S) - (5-{2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-  
thiazol-4-yl]-1-methyl-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic  
acid;

(R) - (5-{2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-  
thiazol-4-yl]-1-methyl-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic  
acid;

15 {6-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-  
thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl}-acetic  
acid;

{6-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-  
ylmethoxy]-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl}-acetic acid;

20 {4-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-  
thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl}-acetic  
acid;

{4-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-  
ylmethoxy]-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl}-acetic acid;

(6-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-  
thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-  
acetic acid;

(6-{1-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-  
5 thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-  
acetic acid;

(6-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-  
4-yl]-ethoxy}-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid;

(6-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-  
10 4-yl]-propoxy}-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-acetic acid;

(6-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-  
thiazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-  
acetic acid;

(R)-(6-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-  
15 thiazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-  
acetic acid;

(S)-(6-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-  
thiazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-  
acetic acid;

(R)-(4-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-  
20 thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-  
acetic acid;

(S) - (4-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-  
thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-  
acetic acid;

5 (4-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-  
thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl)-  
acetic acid;

Racemic-(4-{1-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-  
phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-benzo[b]thiophen-3-  
yl)-acetic acid;

10 (R) - (5-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-  
thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

(S) - (5-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-  
thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

15 (5-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-  
thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

(R) - (1-Methyl-5-{2-[5-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-  
phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-  
acetic acid;

20 (S) - (1-Methyl-5-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-  
phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-  
acetic acid;

(1-Methyl-5-{2-[5-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-  
phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-  
acetic acid;

3-{1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-  
5-yl]-ethoxy}-pyrido[1,2-a]indole-10-carboxylic  
acid;

5 {2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-  
oxazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indole-2-carboxylic acid;

5 {2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-  
oxazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-1-methyl-1H-indole-2-  
carboxylic acid;

10 (6-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-  
4-yl]-propoxy}-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid;

(6-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-  
thiazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic  
acid;

15 (6-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-  
oxazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic  
acid;

(6-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-  
oxazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid;

20 {6-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-  
5-ylmethoxy]-benzofuran-3-yl}-acetic acid;

(6-{1-Methyl-1-[4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-  
phenyl)-oxazol-5-yl]-ethylsulfanyl}-benzofuran-3-  
yl)-acetic acid;

{6-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-  
5-ylmethylsulfanyl]-benzofuran-3-yl}-acetic acid;  
(6-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-  
oxazol-5-yl]-ethylsulfanyl}-benzofuran-3-yl)-  
acetic acid;

5 {6-{1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-  
5-yl]-ethylsulfanyl}-benzofuran-3-yl}-acetic acid;  
2-{6-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-  
oxazol-5-ylmethoxy]-benzofuran-3-yl}-propionic  
acid;

10 2-(6-{2-[4-Isopropyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-  
oxazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-benzofuran-3-yl)-propionic  
acid;

15 (6-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-  
thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic  
acid;

(R)-(6-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-  
thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic  
acid (Isomer 2);

20 (S)-(6-{2-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-  
thiazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic  
acid;

(6-{1-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-ethoxy}-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-1-yl)-acetic acid;

5 {2-Oxo-6-[4-phenyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-1-yl}-acetic acid;

{7-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-2-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-quinolin-1-yl}-acetic acid;

10 {8-[4-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-ylmethoxy]-2-oxo-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-benzo[b]azepin-1-yl}-acetic acid;

N-(2-{5-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetyl)-methanesulfonamide;

15 N-(2-{5-[5-Methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-oxazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetyl)-benzenesulfonamide;

N-[2-(5-{2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetyl]-methanesulfonamide;

20 N-[2-(5-{2-[5-Ethyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetyl]-benzenesulfonamide;

(6-{1-[3-Methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-ethylsulfanyl}-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid;

5 (6-[3-Methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethysulfanyl]-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid;

(6-{1-[3-Methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid;

10 2-{5-[1-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-5-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-2-methyl-propionic acid;

(1-Methyl-6-{2-[3-methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

15 (5-[2-(5-Methyl-3-phenyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethoxy]-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;

(1-Methyl-6-{2-[3-methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

20 (1-Methyl-6-{2-[4-methyl-2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiazol-5-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;  
{5-[5-(4-Trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiophen-2-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;

3-{4-[3-Isobutyl-5-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiophen-2-ylmethoxy]-2-methyl-phenyl}-propionic acid;

5 (5-{2-[3-Methyl-5-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-thiophen-2-yl]-propoxy}-indol-1-yl)-acetic acid;

(6-{1-[3-Methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-ethylsulfanyl}-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid;

10 (6-[3-Methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethylsulfanyl]-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid;

(6-{1-[3-Methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-ethoxy}-benzofuran-3-yl)-acetic acid;

15 2-{5-[1-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-5-methyl-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-2-methyl-propionic acid;

(1-Methyl-6-{2-[3-methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

20 {5-[2-(5-Methyl-3-phenyl-pyrazol-1-yl)-ethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;

(1-Methyl-6-{2-[3-methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl]-propoxy}-1H-indol-3-yl)-acetic acid;

5 Racemic-{5-[2-(4-Trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-5,6-dihydro-4H-cyclopentathiazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;

10 (S)-{6-[2-(4-Trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-5,6-dihydro-4H-cyclopentathiazol-4-ylmethoxy]-1H-indol-3-yl}-acetic acid;

15 {1-Methyl-6-[2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-5,6-dihydro-4H-cyclopentathiazol-4-ylmethoxy]-1H-indol-3-yl}-acetic acid;

{5-[2-(4-Trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-benzothiazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;

20 {6-[2-(4-Trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-benzothiazol-4-ylmethoxy]-1H-indol-3-yl}-acetic acid;

{6-[2-(4-Trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-benzothiazol-4-ylmethoxy]-1H-indol-3-yl}-acetic acid;

25 {1-Methyl-6-[2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-benzothiazol-4-ylmethoxy]-1H-indol-3-yl}-acetic acid;

{5-[2-(4-Trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrobenzothiazol-4-ylmethoxy]-indol-1-yl}-acetic acid;  
and

5 {1-Methyl-6-[2-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-4H-cycloheptathiazol-4-ylmethoxy]-1H-indol-3-yl}-acetic acid.

47. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 46 that is in the S conformation.

48. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 46 that is in the R conformation.

10 49. A pharmaceutical composition, comprising as an active ingredient, at least one compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 48 together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

15 50. A method of modulating a peroxisome proliferator activated receptor, comprising the step of contacting the receptor with at least one compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 48.

20 51. A method of treating diabetes mellitus in a mammal, comprising the step of administering to the mammal in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of at least one compound of Claims 1 through 48.

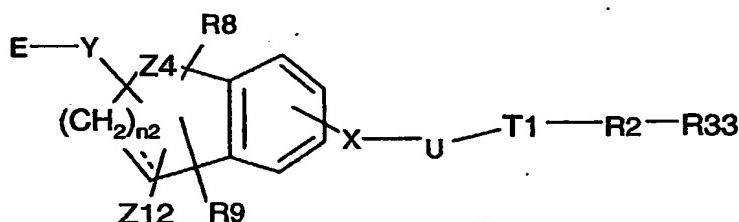
25 52. A method of treating Syndrome X in a mammal, comprising the step of administering to the mammal in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of at least one compound of Claims 1 through 48.

53. A method of selectively modulating a PPAR delta receptor comprising administering a compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 48 to a mammal in need thereof.
- 5 54. The manufacture of a medicament for use in the treatment and/or prevention of a condition mediated by nuclear receptors, in particular by a peroxisome proliferator activated receptor, wherein the compound is a compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 48.
- 10 55. A method of treating atherosclerosis in a mammal, comprising the step of administering to the mammal in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of at least one compound of Claims 1 through 48.
- 15 56. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 48 for use as a pharmaceutical.
57. A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 through 48 wherein the compound is radiolabeled.
- 20 58. A compound as disclosed by any one of the Examples herein.
59. All methods disclosed herein of preparing the compounds represented by Structural Formula I.

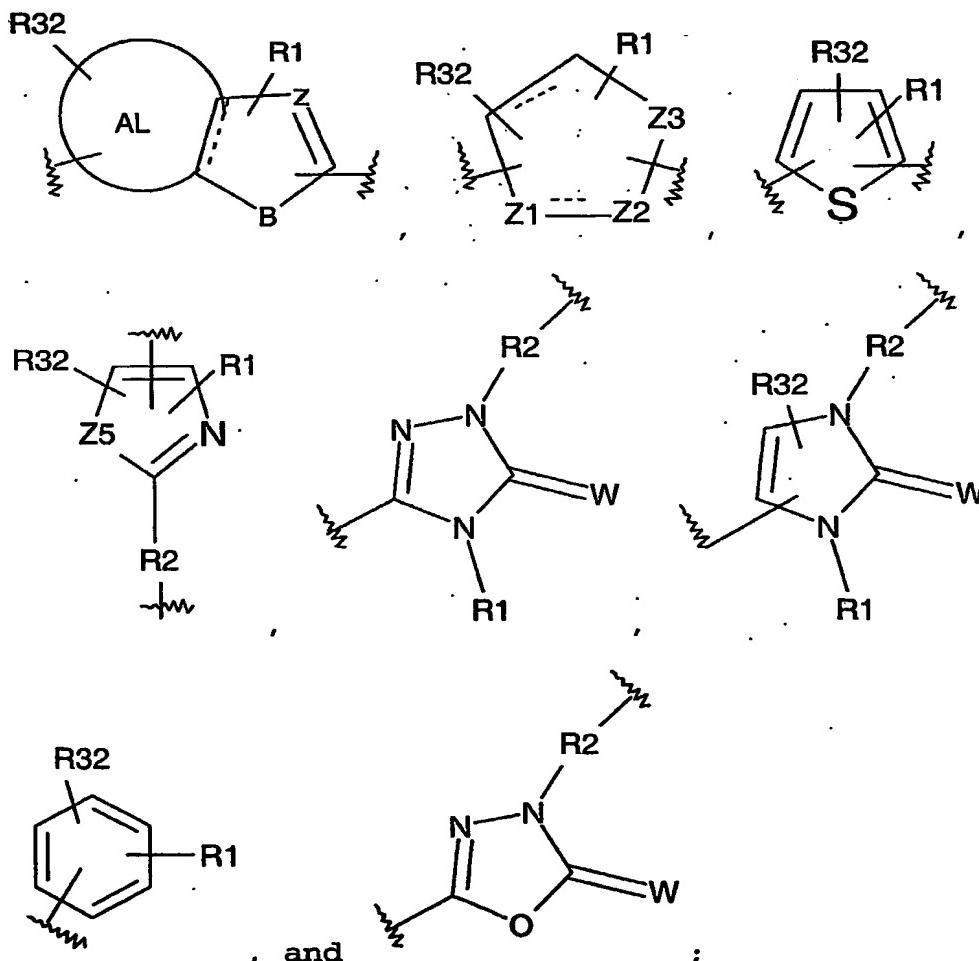
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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention is directed to compounds  
5 represented by the following structural formula, Formula I:



(a) T1 is selected from the group consisting of



- (b) R<sub>2</sub> is selected from the group consisting of C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl and C<sub>1</sub>-6-heteroalkyl;
- (c) X is selected from the group consisting of O, S, S(O)<sub>2</sub> and N;
- 5 (d) U is an aliphatic linker wherein one carbon atom of the aliphatic linker may be replaced with O, NH or S, and wherein such aliphatic linker is optionally substituted with R<sub>30</sub>;
- (e) Y is selected from the group consisting of C, O, S, NH and a single bond;
- 10 (f) E is C(R<sub>3</sub>)(R<sub>4</sub>)A or A;
- (g) Z<sub>4</sub> is selected from the group consisting of N, S, and O.

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